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SOVIETS CONTINUE ADVANCE, UPSET NAZI SPRING CAMPAIGN



Women and Children Slain by Nazis in Kerch: The bodies of some of the innocent civilian victims of the German occupation are shown above as they lie in the Crimean port after it was re-captured by the Red Army. The Nazis murdered more than 7,000 men, women and children during their occupation of Kerch.

Red Star Review Sees Hitler Drive Disrupted

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (UP).—Soviet troops, piling up a 240-mile gain for the winter on the Central Front, are putting powerful squeeze pressure on the German stronghold of Smolensk, military dispatches said today, and there were hints that farther north the Red Army was driving across the border into Latvia.

Summing up long range results of the war in the first of what was expected to be a series of victory announcements leading up to the celebration of the 24th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army Monday, the Soviet press asserted that Germany lost 6,000,000 men, 15,000 tanks and 18,000 cannon in the first five months of war.

The Red Army was reported to have fought its way into a "big locality" on the Southern Front and it was clear that they were increasing the pressure on Smolensk, lying between the arms of a Soviet nuclear force only 140 miles apart and apparently in danger of encirclement.

Hinting at the possible advance into Latvia on the Northwest Front, where the winter offensive gained its greatest momentum, the Communist Party newspaper prays said:

"Latvian guerrillas operating in Western Latvia arrived at headquarters of the advancing Soviet Army with important information regarding German positions. The guerrillas reported scores of persons were being sentenced to death daily in Riga, and food and clothing were being confiscated."

RETOOK 4,888 LOCALITIES

Taking the long view of the war, Soviet publications said that:

The Red Army in its winter offensive had recaptured 4,888 inhabited points including more than 80 cities and towns.

The Red Army captured 20,000 German prisoners between Jan. 20 and Feb. 2.

Millions of Soviet workers and students have completed intensive training with rifles, machine guns, grenades, mine throwers and anti-tank guns, and are being incorporated into Red Army forces to be thrown into action soon.

The balance of forces has been reversed, with Soviet might constantly increasing and that of the Germans diminishing.

German plans for a spring offensive have been disrupted by the Soviet drive, aimed at destroying the principal German defense lines and main forces.

Any American aid to the Soviet Union is increasing daily, and the Allied military effort is expected to mount rapidly.

The hundredth issue of the Soviet "Front News" printed in the German language for distribution over and behind the lines said the

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Oceans Do Not Protect Us, FDR To Tell Nation

**Early Suggests Listeners
Have Maps for Radio
Address Monday**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt will make it "very clear" to the American people in his fireside chat on Monday night that the two oceans no longer protect them completely from enemy air and submarine attacks, White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said today.

He asked the President's listeners to have world maps or globes at hand for reference—an indication that Mr. Roosevelt will emphasize the monumental strategy and supply problems confronting the United Nations at war on a globe front.

The address, scheduled for 10 to 10:30 P. M. (EWT) will be broadcast internationally. Early said it will be aimed at "giving the picture of the world at war" as the President sees it through Army and Navy dispatches, other government data and interchange of information among the allied nations.

WILL URGE ALERTNESS

The President, according to Early, will seek to create a new awareness among the people that they are no longer insulated against ravages of war—that it can happen here. He said by the time the speech is concluded, Mr. Roosevelt "will have made it very clear that the oceans on each of our coast lines are no longer the protection to this country that they were said to be by some not so long ago."

"If the people will be good enough to open their doors and let him in on Monday night, the President hopes they have a map of the world or a globe so they might very clearly or much better understand him as he talks to them," Early told reporters.

**Sugar Ration
May Be Cut
Still Further**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Stricter sugar rationing regulations appeared imminent today, following the War Production Board's disclosure of tentatively rationing plans for industrial sugar.

Cuts up to 40 per cent in some industrial uses and restrictions of individual consumption to 12 ounces a week may undergo further alteration as a result of unexpected war shipping problems and consequent uncertainty of normal importations from Cuba and other sources.

No mention was made of the possible cuts in industrial rationing plans, but it was indicated officials are planning to reduce the individual consumer's weekly ration to half a pound.

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Filipino Soldier Kills 11 in Battle

**Private Under MacArthur Is Cited for
Distinguished Service Cross**

WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, Feb. 20 (UP).—First Class Private Narciso Ortilano has just set a new Bataan Province record. He has killed 11 Japanese soldiers, single-handed, in one engagement.

Ortilano, a veteran in the Philippines Scouts, has been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross by his commanding officer.

Ortilano's feat occurred during an engagement in which the machinegun which he was manning was attacked by 11 Japanese.

Four of the Japanese went down under Ortilano's gun before it jammed. The Filipino whipped out his automatic and picked off five more Japanese. Then that gun jammed, too.

Two Japanese with bayonets fixed were still advancing on Ortilano who was now without a weapon, but the trooper held his ground.

One Japanese jabbed his bayonet at Ortilano, slashing off the Filipino's thumb. However Ortilano wrested the weapon from the Japanese's hands and killed the man with his own weapon.

Ortilano then whipped around and plugged the 11th Japanese with the captured rifle.

When Ortilano's companions reached the machinegun nest they found him busily trying to repair his machinegun, although bleeding severely from his wounds.

Fish Lauds Viereck. At Nazi Agent's Trial

**Tells Court German Propagandist Is
'A Great Publicist'**

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Rep. Hamilton Fish, R., N. Y., declared on a witness stand today that he thinks George Sylvester Viereck, registered German agent, "is a very intelligent man" and "great publicist" whom he has always "regarded as an American citizen of long standing."

Of his leadership of the appeasement campaign against war on the Axis, he said "I am more proud of that than anything I've ever done."

Fish was called as a witness in the Viereck trial after George Hill, his former secretary, testified that Fish had ordered him to send out Viereck material under Congressional frank. Hill is under a two-to-six-year sentence for perjury for telling a grand jury that he did not know Viereck.

Viereck is being tried on charges of withholding information he was required by law to file with the State Department.

Government Prosecutor William Power Maloney asked Fish if he knew that "this good American citizen"—Viereck—had written a book in 1930 in which he declared that the object of pre-World War German propaganda was to keep the United States out of the war.

"Is it a coincidence," he asked, "that his views as a German propagandist correspond to yours as an American Congressman?"

Fish's answer was to shout "Lie." He appealed to Judge T. Dickinson.

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Fire Bombs Dropped on MacArthur Supply Line

**Flying Fortresses
Score Hits on
Enemy Fleet**

Allied Fronts

PHILIPPINES: Japanese drop white phosphorous incendiary bombs back of MacArthur's line on Bataan Peninsula; American troops hold positions.

EAST INDIES: Japanese over-run Bali Island in preparing to get Java but lose eight ships (sunk or damaged) to United States bombers. Japanese also seize Portuguese-owned Timor, East Indies island within 330 miles of Australia.

BURMA: Japanese bombard Mandalay as their invasion fleet lurks off Burmese coast. Rangoon stands empty, most of its inhabitants evacuated.

USSR: Red Army announces total 240-mile gain since winter offensive began Dec. 7, with Soviet pliers closing tighter on Smolensk. Report 6,000,000 total German casualties since June 22.

LIBYA: British patrols chase German patrols several miles on desert.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Japanese planes were reported today to have dropped incendiary bombs behind Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Bataan lines in an apparent effort to destroy his food and ammunition supplies.

The new Japanese tactics were reported in an army communiqué which noted that "positional" fighting continues on all sections of the front where the enemy is in the process of springing an all-out offensive.

Use of incendiaries follows disclosures that Japanese equipment also includes flame-throwers, indicating that fire will constitute an important element of the impending grand onslaught.

USE PHOSPHOROUS
The communiqué, stating the bombs were dropped on behind-the-lines installations, noted that the Japanese are using white phosphorous as an incendiary filler.

Chemical experts said that phosphorous usually is employed in setting up a smoke screen for concealing operations. They said this type of bomb is especially effective in causing fires difficult to extinguish.

On the basis of the communiqué, it appeared that the Japanese objective is to destroy MacArthur's supplies rather than lay down a smoke screen for a surprise move.

The communiqué reported that MacArthur, in behalf of his troops has acknowledged with appreciation messages of greetings sent him Wednesday by 60,000 civilian employees in Army arsenals throughout the United States.

The report of "positional" fighting—combat from fixed positions such as trenches—did not indicate where the present lines are.

Meanwhile, the commander of the U. S. Army's air combat forces said, in the wake of recent American air victories in the Dutch East Indies, that the United States intends to win unquestioned supremacy of the air on all fronts and then wage "devastating warfare" on the Axis at every turn.

Major Gen. Carl Spaatz, 30-year-old chief of the air fighting arm, asserted in a "war message to the air forces" that the war thus far has proved conclusively that aerial power is essential to the success of either offensive or defensive action.

On the strategy front, well informed quarters said President Roosevelt has established a unified tactical command over American land, sea and air forces.

BATAVIA, FEB. 20 (UP).—Seaborne Japanese troops overran Bali today after a fierce clash with United States bombers which sank or damaged eight of their ships, and another Japanese column reached the Sunda Straits at the southern tip of Sumatra, clamping tight the invasion vise on Java from both east and west.

Only a little more than a mile separates Bali, "The Last Paradise," from the 622-mile-long island of Java, and the Strait between the

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Mother of Murdered Girl Partisan Appeals: Avenge!

**'Tanya,' Honored
Soviet Martyr,
Hanged by Foe**

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—On Nov. 1, 18-year-old Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya, left the home of her mother, a Moscow teacher, to join a partisan detachment, like hundreds of other Moscow young boys and girls, to defend her city.

In December the Germans captured an unknown Soviet partisan who called herself "Tanya" and tortured her to death. Just before she was hanged Tanya called upon the peasants summoned to witness her execution to struggle against the German occupiers. It has now been learned that the unknown heroine was Zoya.

After her death the Soviet government conferred the highest award—the title of Hero of the Soviet Union—on her. Only three other women in the Soviet Union hold this title.

HER MOTHER'S APPEAL

A few days ago the mother of Zoya addressed the Soviet youth over the radio in the following words:

"It is unbearably difficult for me to speak about Zoya. You can understand this. I have lost the person nearest and dearest to me. . . . May none of you as future mothers and fathers be overtaken by such terrible sorrow. And yet I wish to tell you that I am proud of my daughter. Zoya had a bright mind, a passionate and courageous heart, the heart of a fighter."

"We are not only mother and daughter, but also friends sharing our joys and sorrows. I knew how Zoya felt about life, about her fatherland, about the Young Communist League and I was serene and calm. She unfailingly helped me courageously to face difficulties and hardships. . . . And then the day came when Zoya told me she was leaving for the front."

BECOMES A PARTISAN

"Mother," she said, "I am going to the front to join the partisans. You I can tell. You see mother, I cannot remain aloof when the fascists are creeping towards Moscow."

"I must admit that tears welled up in my eyes. It was all so sudden. I could not immediately grasp the fact that my only daughter who was still so young was going to

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Yugoslav Guerrillas Smash 5,000 Foes

**Take Offensive; Destroy Expedition
in Big Mountain Battle**

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Intelligence reports reaching London said today that a Yugoslav "Freedom" Army apparently had started a new offensive, destroying a fascist expedition of 5,000 soldiers.

The action took place in the Kosara Mountains of Bosnia, the reports said, and was part of guerrilla operations over a wide area.

The guerrillas were said to have destroyed a railroad station between Trieste and Ljubljana. They set 23 oil tanks on fire and killed several Italians.

Striking at an Italian column on the roads between the Bilece and Niksic they captured four tanks, three cars, 100 guns and many prisoners. Other guerrillas, attacking an Italian column near Klobuk, captured two tanks, 21 motorcycles and other materials, the reports said.

CIO, AFL Leaders Ask Firm Action Against Cliveden Set

By Beth McHenry

New York CIO and AFL leaders yesterday applauded President Roosevelt's denunciation of the American Cliveden Set and pledged to help smoke out and destroy enemy nests in high places.

The Daily Worker conducted a poll of trade union leaders to discover labor's reaction to the President's note of warning and found labor very much on the alert to the activities of the appeasers.

A number mentioned the necessity for developing full "military, political and labor collaboration between Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the United States" as the real way to smash the Cliveden Set and defeat all appeasers.

Saul Mills, executive secretary of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, hailed the President's con-

Hail President for His Denunciation of Appeasers

demnation of the Cliveden Set and pledged labor's "energetic support in routing the pro-fascists who are holding back our war effort."

"President Roosevelt's condemnation of the Cliveden Set brings sharply to the attention of the people that there are traitors operating in America, just as there were traitors who operated in France and Norway."

"The CIO, whose great membership is in the forefront of the fight to win this war against fascism, producing the wherewithal for battle for ourselves and our allies, will give the President energetic support in routing the pro-fascists who are holding back our war effort."

ing the pro-fascists who are holding back our war effort. Labor as the chief target of America's Cliveden Set is most alert to the dangers threatening our war effort from enemies within.

"American boys are giving their lives fighting the enemy on the front line, just as the boys of our allies are giving theirs. It is up to us to see that the enemies inside our lines are defeated. America's security depends upon our alertness in this hour."

Harry Reich, secretary of Cook and Pastry Assistants Union, Local 89, AFL, said, "The President's warning on the American Cliveden Set didn't come a minute too soon."

"This set is the heart of treason in America," Mr. Reich declared. "Its aim is victory for fascism. The labor movement has been the target of its slanders for

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Browder's Release Long Over-due—Wire Pres. Roosevelt Today

Soviets Continue Push, Upset Hitler's Plans

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Germans were withdrawing toward Dnepropetrovsk on the Ukrainian Front.

In anticipation of retreat from one sector of the Leningrad Front, the Government newspaper Ivestia said German punitive expeditions were burning villages and executing the local intellectuals. Ten villages have been razed so far—it said.

On the Northwestern Front, the upper arm of the Smolensk pincers, the Red Army was reported to have forced a river and maintained its positions against German counter-attacks with tanks and infantry.

The Germans were said to have lost 1,500 killed in three days of futile counter-attacks on the Southern Front, where Soviet cavalry was credited with the "annihilation" of the 638th German Infantry Regiment.

Lazar Kaganovich, under whose management the Soviet railroads are meeting the crushing war requirements despite cramped trackage, was appointed a member of the Soviet Defense Committee.

INTENSIVE OFFENSIVE NOW CAN SMASH NAZI ARMY

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—The main task of the Red Army now is to intensify its assault on the Germans to destroy their war machine completely, Red Star declared in an article here today.

The article, entitled, "Our Tasks," further called upon the Soviet troops to batter their way through Nazi defenses to defeat Hitler's offensive before it ever starts.

The Red Star article follows: "Soviet troops continue offensive operations, breaking down enemy resistance and liberating an increasing number of new inhabited points from the invaders. The more extensively the Red Army offensive develops against the German Fascist troops the louder and more persistent are the fascists howling about the 'big Spring offensive' they are allegedly preparing."

"The reason and meaning of this is obvious. Things are going badly with the Hitlerites. The offensive of the Red Army has brought the Hitlerites face to face with the actual danger of utter defeat. Disintegration has started in the enemy camp. In order to stifle the fear of the Germans, to encourage the troops, to raise their depressed spirits, Fascist propaganda on Hitler's instruction started to howl about Spring and to widely advertise their so-called plans for a Spring campaign."

ENORMOUS LOSSES

"What is the actual state of affairs? Under the blows of the Red Army the German war machine sustained enormous losses. However, it is not completely routed. The struggle continues and naturally it will continue into the Spring. The Germans undoubtedly are preparing for Spring operations, but Red Army troops, like the whole Soviet people do not, in the slightest, overestimate danger latent in the adventurist designs of the enemy."

"The German Army today is by no means what it was at the beginning of the war—in numbers, training, technique and morale. Bent on scoring a rapid victory, Hitler threw his picked troops against the Soviet Union in the summer of last year. The Red Army wiped them out. The bulk of his trained soldiers and officers are already ineffective. Thus the Germans will be immeasurably weaker in manpower this Spring than was the case in the Summer of last year."

MATERIAL LOSSES

"They are also weaker in material. The Germans sustained terrific losses in material. Hitler has been unable to replace within a few months everything that it took years to build."

"The possibilities now open to Hitler's robber imperialism for embarking on new adventures are at the more restricted owing to the fact that his rear is daily becoming more unreliable. The heroic and victorious struggle of the Red Army have raised the spirits, multiplied the forces of the peoples of Europe enslaved by fascism. They are ever more actively opposing the Hitlerite tyranny."

"It is obvious that Hitler will never again be able to create the army which he had before the perfidious attack on the Soviet Union; that he will never be able to turn it to the extent it was armed formerly and that he will never again be able to imbue his retreating soldiers with the notorious spirit of invincibility which they vaunted in the days when they pillaged the fields of Western Europe."

"The forces of the Red Army, on the other hand, are mounting and multiplying. Throughout the country countless reserve armies are tirelessly training and perfecting their skill. Thanks to the advantages of the Socialist system it was possible within the shortest space of time to reorganize the whole industry on a war footing."

"Great Britain and the United States are fighting together with the mighty Soviet power against the German fascist imperialists and aid from the Allies is steadily increasing, and there is no doubt that there will be a parallel increase in the war efforts of the Allies with them out."

the object of bringing about the rapid destruction of the enemy.

"But all this by no means exhausts the advantages which the USSR now has over the German invaders. As a result of the suddenness of the fascist attack on the USSR, war started under conditions favoring the German troops and to the disadvantage of Soviet troops. The situation today is fundamentally changed. We have the upper hand in such an important thing as initiative. The Germans are retreating, we are advancing."

"In its offensive operations, the Red Army dislodged the enemy from many vantage grounds which the Germans had planned to use as starting points for new adventures. The danger of defeat compelled the German Command to throw into the battle reserves intended for Spring. As our offensive operations keep developing, the Germans are using up their reserves. Already now the situation is more favorable for Soviet troops than for Germans and we shall meet Spring with even greater forces than the Germans."

"The plans for a new 'Spring Offensive' will be buried like the plan for a 'lightning war,' the plans for the seizure of Moscow and Leningrad and the Caucasus were. The Hitlerite war machine is undermined but not completely smashed. A stubborn, bloody battle lies ahead. The task today is to steadily intensify the onslaught on the enemy, to resolutely and boldly break down his resistance, no matter how violent it may be and to utterly frustrate all Hitler's plans. The task is to break through the entire depth of the enemy's defenses and to exhaust and wipe out the remnants of his old trained divisions and new reserves."

"The Germans are howling about Spring. But Spring is still a long way off. The winter campaign is at its height. By carrying out the Stalinist plan of routing the enemy we shall still traverse some distance westward before Spring sets in and send more than one score of German divisions to their death in the snow. In the Spring we shall continue the rout started of the German troops in order to put an end to Hitlerite Germany in 1942."

British Rout Axis Tank Units in Libya

Attack Enemy Column North of Tmimi-Mekili Railroad

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (UP).—British forces yesterday routed "several enemy parties," including tank units, in a brief artillery duel south of Tmimi, 55 miles northwest of Tobruk, a general headquarters communiqué said today.

Despite poor visibility, the communiqué said, British patrols and mobile columns operated in a general area south of a line extending between Tmimi and Mekili, Axis-held road junction 100 miles west of Tobruk.

"Enemy columns appeared to be concentrated north of the Tmimi-Mekili road," the communiqué said, "although Mekili itself was again found to be strongly held," the communiqué said.

The British activity was in the Jebel El-Achdar heights to which Gen. Erwin Rommel has withdrawn his Axis units from advance positions within 40 miles of Tobruk.

for many years. We hail the President's condemnation of America's appeasers and pledge that we will do our utmost to help him send Hitler's stooges scurrying."

Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the CIO National Maritime Union, more than 200 of whose members have already given their lives manning the ships that carry supplies to our Allies, said the seamen are glad that "the President put his finger on the American appeasers."

"This gang, the Cliveden Set of Washington, are traitors to our government and enemies of our Allies," he said. "They are a menace to the safety and welfare of our nation and should be ferreted out and tried for treason and imprisoned now, before they do greater damage to our war effort against fascism. As long as traitors like these are allowed to run around loose, we face the danger of the same thing that happened in France. It was France's Cliveden Set operating in high places, which sold that country to Hitler."

Costas Dritsas, president, and Sam Kramberg, secretary-treasurer, of Cafeteria Workers Local 302 AFL, declared in a joint statement that "the President's reference to Washington's Cliveden Set is a good beginning which should be followed by the action of cleaning them out."



Red Army troops are shown in the field in this winter photo from Moscow.

Mother of Murdered Girl Partisan Asks 'Avenge'

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war... Zoya noticing my agitation said, 'Who are you to cry, mother. Now weren't you always one to tell me to be brave and honest? Mother, I am proud that I shall fight the fascists and you should feel proud that I am going to the front. You must not see me off with tears.'

"I swallowed my tears and looking at my daughter I even felt ashamed in front of her—she was in such high spirits."

"Zoya permitted me to accompany her to the tram. She carried a small knapsack. At the tramway we took leave of each other. Her parting words still ring in my ears: 'I shall return a heroine or die. Mother don't lose heart.' And she smiled. That was the last I saw of Zoya. My heart was deeply wounded and time cannot heal it. But I am proud that my daughter boldly embarked on a great cause and remained steadfast, honest and proud up to her last breath."

"Zoya went to her death life a real fighter and Communist. One thing gives me joy and that is that Zoya will never be forgotten. She will always live in her mother's heart as long as this heart beats. But she will also live in your hearts after I am gone."

"MY OWN ZOYA"

"I was riding in the street car the day the newspaper Pravda carried an article entitled 'Tanya.' Everybody was talking about 'Tanya.' Tanya's telling of the girl's great exploit, of her remarkable will power. It never for a moment entered my mind that Tanya was my own Zoya."

Only I became perturbed remembering Zoya and wondering how she was getting along at the front. And I thought to myself that if my little girl should have to come face to face with danger, may she be as strong as this wonderful Tanya."

"And then... I learned that Tanya was my Zoya. These fascist German bloodsuckers and murderers be cursed. The bloody executioners will be paid according to their deserts! I know it. Fascism will be exterminated once and for all. I know it. But I appeal to you as a mother who lost her beloved child: hasten to avenge my Zoya too!"

"Youth, take revenge on the German beast who tortured my daughter! I ask you to do this. And I repeat the words of my unforgettable Zoya. Be intrepid! Fight the Germans! Death to the fascists!"

Attacks on British Convoy Beaten Off

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—British airplanes and ships beat off a series of sea and air attacks on a merchant convoy last night, destroying two enemy E-boats (speedy torpedo boats) and a bombing plane. Another E-boat and four other enemy bombers were damaged, a communiqué said.

No casualties or damage were suffered by British merchant ships or their escorting vessels or planes, the communiqué said. Location of the attack was not disclosed.

enemy's friends in our own country. Even as we prepare to defend our cities from air raids and bombardments, so too must we clean our home defenses of pro-fascists who prefer Hitler to democracy."

Leon Sverdlov, organizer of Local 1, Jewelry Workers International Union, AFL, said:

"It has been obvious to the trade union movement for a long time now that there exists in our country a group of reactionaries and pro-fascists who are doing their utmost to hinder the war effort and assist the enemies of our country. We must take all steps necessary to expose and eliminate these people from whatever positions they may hold where they can do harm to the cause of democracy."

ALLIED UNITY NEEDED

Joseph Selly, president of the American Communications Association, CIO, declared:

"President Roosevelt's sharp and timely attack on America's Cliveden Set will be a source of gratification and inspiration to the people of America. Unquestionably the primary aim of the Cliveden Set is to promote division and disunity and to split us from our allies. The American Communications Association has made its small contribution to the unity of all working people in the United States by urging full collaboration with the Anglo-Soviet trade union conference. It is our conviction that the real way to smash the Cliveden Set is to develop complete military, political and labor collaboration between Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the United States."

William Bailey, New York agent of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Waterenders and Wipers Union, told us:

"I'm glad to see the President take a stand against these traitors who have been using their prominent positions to undermine the country's strength. From now on the going is going to be tough and our winning the war is going to depend on how we tackle our enemies and work with our friends. The sooner the Washington Cliveden Set is broken up, the safer our democracy will be. What we need now is action all around."

Conrad Kaye, manager of the New York District Council of American Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers, AFL, said:

"President Roosevelt's attack on Washington's Cliveden Set should be the signal for an all-out offensive against the enemies in our midst as well as the enemies abroad."

"We saw one country after another go down before Hitler because of Cliveden Set appeasers who hated the enemy less than they feared democracy and the people."

"Well, trade unions hate traitors and love liberty. We're out to save our country, and we'll help smoke out these pro-fascists no matter where they may be."

Joseph Levy, director of the National Social Service Division of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, said:

"President Roosevelt's dramatic reference to the Cliveden Set in Washington will do much to smoke out these traitors in our own land. We have heard much about the Cliveden Set in England but the American counterpart of these elements have managed for the most part to keep under cover. War or no war, they go on doing their nefarious work, even at the risk of sacrificing our country's independence."

"Our union supports President Roosevelt 100 per cent in his fight against these pro-fascists in whatever circles they are to be found."

Lewis Alan Berne, international president of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO, said:

"The President's denunciation of the Washington Cliveden Set not only will meet with enthusiastic approval but must arouse the nation to the growing danger inherent in the character and power of our nation's fifth column. In this critical hour failure to follow through on the President's exposure, hesitancy, and lack of forthright action may well prove fatal."

"We will support the President's every effort to destroy this fountain head of disunity and treason. The boys on the battle front, the workers on the production line, our national security, and the future of democracy and civilization demand it."

I. Rosenberg, manager of the Shoe Workers Joint Council, CIO, declared:

"Our President performed a great service to our country when he pointed his finger at those who are trying to divide our people and undermine our country's war effort, characterizing them as the American Cliveden Set."

"The British people learned through horrible experience how their Cliveden Set served the interests of Hitler."

"We have a war to win and we must do all in our power to prevent fifth columnists and appeasers from undermining our unity and our national strength."

"The guarantee for victory rests upon the closest political and military alliance with Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China and all the nations engaged in this war for the destruction of the Axis and all that the Axis powers stand for."

Red Army Troops in The Field

Ford on Capital Radio Sunday on 'Negro and War'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—James W. Ford, noted Negro leader, will speak on "The Negro People and the War" over station WDCB on Feb. 23 at 11 P. M. on the occasion of Washington's birthday. The broadcast is the second in a series of eight on "Win the War."

London Press Tells of Nazi Sub Offensive

Report Tokio Demand for All-or-Nothing Atlantic Drive

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The German Navy, despite loss of 130 submarines since war started, has acceded to Japanese demands and begun a terrific, "all or nothing" U-boat offensive in the Atlantic to divert American and British warships from the Pacific, the Evening Standard said today.

Japanese officials, during a recent naval conference at Garmisch, Germany, demanded that the Germans go "all out" in the Atlantic, the newspaper's military expert wrote. He quoted Vice-Admiral Karl Doenitz, head of the U-boat fleet as telling the Japanese:

"We will make an effort to do it with pack tactics but if this yields the most dividends it also will cost the most boats. I warn you, therefore, that we cannot maintain this offensive indefinitely."

(Pack tactics are those of the well-known "wolf packs" which come up in the midst of convoys, usually at night, and fire torpedoes in all directions.)

Doenitz was said to have promised his superiors "decisive events" in an undertaking in which he is staking all his ships and men to tie down as many Allied warships as possible in the Atlantic.

Peru-Ecuador Act to End Border Fight

Governments Consider Protocol to Settle Old Dispute

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 20 (UP).—A special session of the Ecuadorian Congress today began consideration of the Rio de Janeiro Protocol, settling the 120-year-old boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador.

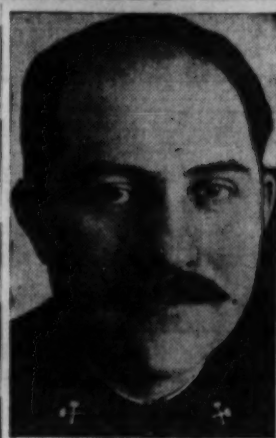
The session was opened last night with the reception of a message from President Carlos Arroyo del Rio, asking that the Protocol be ratified.

Congress passed a measure extending amnesty to jailed and expelled political offenders, including 10 Socialists.

PERU CONGRESS TO MEET TUESDAY

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Senate and Chamber of Deputies Foreign Relations Committees met today and were expected to present on Monday a favorable joint report on the Rio de Janeiro Protocol settling the 120-year-old border controversy between Ecuador and Peru.

Both houses of Congress, now in special session, will meet Tuesday and early ratification of the Protocol was forecast.



LAZAR KAGANOVICH

Kaganovich Named to Soviet Defense Council

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—By decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and the Council of Peoples Commissars of the USSR, deputy Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars and Peoples Commissar of Transport, Lazar Kaganovich has been included in the State Defense Committee.

Seek Funds For Chinese Burma Troops

Ask \$25,000 for Medical Aid to Defenders of Burma Road

American funds to provide canteens for soldiers of the Chinese Burma Army as well as for other Chinese units now marching down the Burma Road to take up battle stations in defense of that vital highway were requested in a cable received yesterday by United Relief.

The cable, dispatched by the YMCA War Service Fund in Chungking, carried a request for \$25,000 American (\$500,000 Chinese) for morale and medical work among the Chinese troops serving in Burma.

The money would provide mobile "huts" where the Chinese troops would be given inoculation against the fevers rife in the steaming Burmese jungles, and where they could assemble for recreation while off duty.

Minor to Talk At Worcester

Parents of Sub Victims to Be Guests of Honor at Rally Tomorrow

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WORCESTER, Feb. 20.—The parents of two American boys who died on the Rubeen James will be guests of honor at the "Unity for Victory" rally to be held here Sunday, Feb. 22, at 8 P. M., at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St.

Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party, is expected to address a record crowd on "The Significance of the Fall of Singapore and Its Meaning to the United States."

Otis Hood, state chairman, will also address the meeting, which is held in honor of Lincoln, Washington, Douglas and Lenin.

On the War Fronts

(AS OF FEBRUARY 19th)

By A VETERAN COMMANDER

The Japanese are increasing their pressure on General MacArthur's right flank and at the same time are vigorously shelling the island fortifications at the mouth of Manila Bay. It is quite possible that the long awaited attack has already started.

Further south, the Japanese pincers are closing in on Java. The enemy has landed on the Island of Bali, at the eastern tip of Java. Soerabaya has been bombed again, but U.S. P-40 fighters have again inflicted severe losses on a squadron of Japanese heavy bombers and their fighter escort.

In Burma the position of Rangoon is critical and the port has been closed to shipping and has been mined. The Japanese are audaciously pushing forward their left (seaward) flank across the Imlin and toward the Sittang. Further north Chinese troops are reported to be advancing into Thailand, but so far seem to have encountered only Thai troops.

The "Islands" connecting the outside world with the most important Chinese front has been transferred east from the Burma Road to a new mountain road, based on Calcutta and running through mountain fastnesses to Sadiya, Batang, Kanton and Chungking, some 300 miles northwest of and parallel to the Burma Road. While the tracing of this road is well out of the immediate grasp of the Japanese, little is known as to its condition. Is it more than just a line on the map, or a bullock-cart trail at best? Another danger which seems to be quite real under the circumstances is possible Japanese action direct against Calcutta and a possible blockade of this port. The Japanese have blocked the Burma Road at the mouth (Calcutta), too. Their control of both the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra throws the Indian Ocean pretty open to them. However, should this happen, it would still be possible to feed the new road over the Indian railroad system from the west coast of India—through, say, Bombay or Karachi—a haul of over 3,000 miles by rail alone.

A Japanese attack on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is to be expected. These islands form a long arc from the mouth of the Irrawaddy (west of Rangoon) almost to the western tip of Sumatra and would form an excellent outpost for future action against the ports of the eastern coast of India. Thus an almost unbroken arc of Japanese bases would stretch from Rangoon to the Solomon Islands.

General Zhukov's famous triple pincers have made their reappearance on the Central Front of the Red Army.

Through implications and fragmentary reports from Moscow we see that the inner pincers are closing in on Vyazma. A larger pair of pincers seems to be closing somewhere between Vyazma and Smolensk. Here a mechanized Soviet division has established contact with a guerrilla outfit only 13 miles north of the railroad Smolensk-Vyazma, on the Vop River (just east of Dukhovchina). South of the railroad Soviet forces seem to be nearing Velnia.

As to the great outer pincers, only the northern arm has been located (it is pointing at Vitebsk from the area of Gorodok; here Kresy near Velnia has been taken which means that the right flank of the advanced spearhead is being consolidated). The southern arm is still veiled with secrecy, as there is no news from the area around Roslavl. Generally speaking the outer pincers, as well as the middle pincers resemble a Silson wrench with its points at a slant, northwest to southeast.

In front of Leningrad we learn that the two Soviet spearheads pointing outward from Leningrad and inward from the area of Novgorod are now only ten miles apart. This means that Soviet artillery from both sides has the German siege lines under cross fire.

Something is developing in the Crimea, but news is very scant and speaks only of new Soviet landings west of Feodosia and of powerful Red Fleet action around Sebastopol and Eupatoria.

Canadian Communists Urge Total-War Effort

Banned Party Backs Government, Draft at Parley; Assails Hepburn

OTTAWA (By Mail) (Delayed).—A pledge of full support to Canada's anti-Axis war program was adopted by the Communist Party of Canada at its National Conference here, it was made known today.

The Conference, which was held on Feb. 7 and 8, condemned the Meighen-Hepburn machinations carried on against the government of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, machinations which have the effect of retarding the government's all-out war effort.

In the coming plebiscite held by the Prime Minister to determine whether the people support his program, especially conscription for the Canadian Army, the Canadian Communist Party called on the people to vote "yes" and transform the plebiscite into a mighty demand for total war.

The Party Conference was held under extremely difficult conditions, inasmuch as the Communist Party of Canada is still banned by the Government. Despite this fact, representatives of Party organizations from coast to coast assembled here in the country's capital and participated in the Conference.

Recommendation of a strong war stand was made to the National Conference by General Secretary Tim Buck in his report, which formed the basis of the Conference discussions.

TOTAL WAR URGED

Tim Buck's report directed the attention of the Party and of the people of Canada to the single all-important issue facing our people, and that is the organization of this total war, the only guarantee for the defeat of Hitler and his satellites, Japan and Italy.

The strategic key to victory, the report emphasized, is the immediate opening of a Western Front in Europe, in order to face the Nazis with a two-front war.

The Conference appealed to the Government to promote full labor and farmer partnership in the organization of the war effort, and to strengthen the ranks of the Government by removing from the Cabinet all obstructionists, appeasers, and anti-total war elements.

The Conference sent its greetings to all imprisoned and interned anti-fascists, and pledged to continue the struggle for their release and for the legality of the Party.

Leahy to Resume Vichy Talks About Aid to Axis

VICHY, Feb. 20 (UP).—State Department officials have instructed Admiral William D. Leahy, United States Ambassador to Vichy, to resume his conversations with French leaders regarding Vichy's reported aid to the Axis in North Africa, it was learned today.

Letters to Newspaper Editors Throughout America Ask for Earl Browder's Freedom

Coast, Upstate, Miami Papers Print Appeals from Readers

Millions of people throughout America are calling for the release of Earl Browder from prison. As the result of this cry for justice, the American press is finally opening its columns for an expression of opinion on the Browder case. Many daily newspapers have been carrying in THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR columns communications from their readers, the overwhelming majority of them favorable to the release of Browder. We are here reprinting a few of these letters from Ohio, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania and California daily papers.

From the San Francisco Chronicle:

Sir: At the present time in the history of our country, when it is fighting against an attack on its territory and on those principles for which it stands, the most essential element in its defense is the complete unity of all its people who seek the defeat of its enemy, the Fascist Axis. It is important to our Nation's defense that every person genuinely interested in crushing Fascism, and able to contribute to the fight, be permitted—and indeed sought—to do his full share in that fight. That is why every honest anti-Nazi American should urge the immediate release from the Federal penitentiary of Earl Browder, whether or not he agrees with Mr. Browder's political beliefs. Browder has for many years been a leader in the fight against Fascism. Our own concern now must be to crush the forces that are making war on the United States and our allies. We need the work of this man who has led and can continue to lead many people in that struggle.

Browder was sent to the Federal penitentiary for a technical violation of a passport law. The sentence given him was extremely high compared with sentences in similar cases. He has already served nearly a year of that sentence. In view of that and in the light of America's great pressing need in this fight for the united action of all anti-Fascists, the President should be urged to pardon Earl Browder now, so that he can contribute the large share of which he is capable to our fight for victory.

HELEN ANDERSON.

FROM CLEVELAND

Sir: It is my considered opinion that Earl Browder should be freed. I feel that he is an outstanding enemy of Hitler and fascism. I feel this way because: The United States is today engaged in a war which was forced upon it through the program of world aggression and conquest of the Axis powers, Germany, Italy and Japan. The basic tenet of the Axis is the irrevocably phony cry of defeating Communism in the world. Defeating Communism, or in other words red-baiting, is the excuse the Nazis have used for their entire program of enslavement and aggression in the countries which are now suffering under Hitler terror.

All people who today find themselves aligned against Hitler and his satellites recognized that the greatest obstacle to Hitler's domination of Europe and the world has been Russia. I feel that if it were not for the indisputable courage and efficiency of the So-

viet Red army that the war that Hitler, the Mikado and Mussolini have launched against us would be much easier for them and would unquestionably lessen our chance for victory and the extermination of Hitler.

We Americans must be indivisibly united not only among ourselves but with our Allies who are today engaged in smashing Hitler. America today must unite! Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Negroes; Republicans, Democrats, Communists, Socialists and any group opposed to Hitler and his gang, have but one task! And that is to give all to America in the fight for democracy. Any disparagement of any of these groups is giving strength to Hitler's policy of divide and rule.

Therefore, I am in favor of Browder's freedom so that his ability and anti-Fascist strength can be molded into the national unity that will mean Hitler's defeat.

H. P. LEWIS.

FROM BINGHAMTON

From the Binghamton, N. Y. Press. Sir: I think we in the United States should draw practical conclusions from the experiences of countries whose populations now experience physical relations with Nazi method.

The classic examples are, of course: Quilting-Norway and the Vichy-men of France. At the time it happened some of us didn't know. But now, the whole world knows the meaning of "Vichyism" and "Quilting."

For us in the United States it is critically important that we understand NOW the full meaning, the underlying significance, of the role being played by our isolationist-appeasers—from Hoover down through Lindbergh, Wheeler, Nye, etc. . . . this is an historic lesson, for us to master.

The Hitlerian technique of "conquest from within" relies upon insiders splitting the national unity of our country. In France, in Norway—in each example, the method is identical. It always starts with persecution of the Communists.

With the imprisonment of Earl Browder, United States Communist leader, this first step is already making its appearance. . . . Therefore, the all-American interest of national defense, of national unity, of the defeat of Hitler's conquest from within" technique, calls for the immediate release of Earl Browder.

KENNETH DOOLITTLE

FROM PHILADELPHIA

From the Philadelphia Record. Sir: The following is a letter I have sent to President Roosevelt. Mr. President: I appeal to you

Wayne County CIO Asks FDR Free Browder

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 20.—The Wayne County CIO Industrial Union Council meeting here this week called upon President Roosevelt to free Earl Browder.

The resolution to free the noted anti-fascist was introduced by the Plymouth Local 51 of the United Automobile Workers.

The CIO Council represents 325,000 members in Wayne County.

to order the release of Earl Browder. Mr. Browder is a courageous and able fighter against Fascism and if released would greatly aid this country in its fight against Hitlerism.

The sentence imposed upon Mr. Browder is unusually severe for a minor violation of the passport law. In the court where Mr. Browder was tried, one-third of those tried received suspended sentences, eight were fined and 20 per cent were not brought to trial. Mr. Browder has already paid a greater fine and served a longer time than is usually imposed in such cases.

Therefore, Mr. President, it would constitute an act of justice to free Earl Browder immediately. HUGH MACADAMS.

FROM MIAMI

From the Miami Herald. Sir: I have just read an article in the "Voice of the People" column, written by January V. Pemberton, on the imprisonment of Earl Browder.

May I say first of all I am not a Communist, but I do know that Communists fight for the underprivileged. I do know that they are the strongest anti-Fascist fighters today. . . . Americans who constantly talk about the evils of Communism, about the so-called "lesser evils," are playing right into the hands of Adolf Hitler and Co. (By Co. I mean Lindbergh, Wheeler, Nye, Coughlin and Thomas.)

If it was a crime to do what Earl Browder did, our prisons today would be jammed with some of the most prominent people of our country.

The imprisonment of Browder, like the appeasement policy, is a direct weapon in the hands of Hitler.

I don't call it unity when the strongest anti-Fascist in America is imprisoned on trumped up charges and open American Fascists are permitted to sabotage our national defense.

Are we Americans to sit by and let Fascism march in without a fight? We must wake up and forget trivial matters, attend strictly and boldly to the fight we have on our hands.

S. R. SULLIVAN.



Where Two Died in Florida Train Crash: This scene of smoking wreckage crashed head-on five miles south of West Palm Beach, Fla., killing two trainmen and injuring several passengers. Fire hampered rescue work in the mass of twisted rails and broken coaches.

Chicago CIO, AFL Locals Sign Pact on Jurisdiction

Cannery Workers and Teamsters Agree on Dairy Industry Issue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Another victory for labor unity was scored here with the signing of an agreement between the AFL Teamsters' Union and the CIO Cannery Workers' Union amicably settling a jurisdictional conflict in the dairy industry. Because this industry is 98 per cent organized in

AFL union, the CIO union has withdrawn from the field locally on representation made by the AFL union.

The agreement specifically declares that a precedent is not being set of taking the Cannery Workers' Union out of this industry in other cities where the balance of power is now in favor of the CIO.

Labor leaders here regard the agreement as important and consider it an example of how labor cooperation can be achieved and disputes settled by negotiation.

IN SPIRIT OF UNITY In mentioning the negotiations for the signing of the agreement in the course of his remarks at a recent meeting of the City Industrial Council, Fullerton Fulton, Regional Director of the CIO, emphasized that the conversations were being conducted in observance of the spirit and letter of the resolution for victory and unity adopted by the Jan. 8 Joint AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods conference.

He pointed out that this resolution pledged labor to let no jurisdictional conflicts stand in the way of its pledged purpose of achieving victory over the Axis.

The agreement was signed between Local 753 of the AFL Milk Wagon Drivers and the CIO United

117 Industrial Deaths In State Last Month

ALBANY, Feb. 20 (UP).—There were 117 industrial fatalities last month, the State Labor Department reported today.

Seventy-four of the deaths occurred in the New York City area; 17 in Buffalo; 12 in Albany; seven in Syracuse and the Rochester Area.

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City CIO Criticizes Mayor's Stand at Negro Job Probe

Withdraw Statement Blaming Labor for Prejudice, Council Asks

Mayor LaGuardia's testimony before the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices last Monday was a "gratuitous attack on organized labor," the Greater N. Y. Industrial Union Council charged yesterday.

The Mayor stated before the committee that labor union were equally to blame with employers for discrimination against Negroes. His statement was roundly assailed in a resolution passed at the last meeting of the CIO council here as aiding anti-union employers in their attacks upon union labor.

"The Mayor's statement plays into the hands of anti-union elements who would like to shift the blame for discrimination from their own shoulders," the CIO resolution said.

The council called upon the Mayor to withdraw his charge that unions are responsible for discrimination against Negroes in the defense industries.

Forum Today to Hear Gen. Yakhontoff

General Victor A. Yakhontoff, military authority, will be the main speaker at the Saturday Forum Luncheon at Rogers Restaurant, 50th St. and 8th Ave. Yakhontoff will speak on "How Far Is the Far East?"

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City Meetings For Browder

A series of Free Browder meetings throughout the city will carry home the nationwide appeal from citizens of every walk of life that the release of this great anti-fascist is a vital, an immediate need in the nation's present struggle against the Axis. These meetings, at which prominent speakers are scheduled, are under the sponsorship of the New York Community Divisions of the Committee to Free Earl Browder.

The list of citywide rallies and dates follow:

MANHATTAN

Sunday, Feb. 22—9:45 P.M.: Station WHOM (1460 K); Musical Program "Songs of Freedom" and talk by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

Wednesday, Feb. 25—7 P.M.: Banquet in honor of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Executive Secretary, Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder. Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Ave. Reservations in advance at \$2.

Wednesday, Feb. 25—8 P.M.: Clinton Palace, 151 Clinton St.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Great Central Palace, 92 Clinton St. Speakers: Angelo Herndon, Gil Green.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Croatian Hall, 238 W. 40th St. Speakers: Janet Feder, James W. Ford.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Park Palace, 110th St. and Fifth Ave. Speakers: Congressman Vito

Marcantonio, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Wilfred E. Lewin, New York State President, Brotherhood of Elks; Rev. David Lioch, A. W. Berry, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Audrey Moore, Mrs. Angelina Block, president, Loyal Women of America.

Friday, Feb. 27—8 P.M.: Bank St. School, 699 Bank St.

Sunday, March 1—3 P.M.: Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St.

Friday, March 6—8 P.M.: Yorkville Casino, 210 E. 86th St. Speaker: William Browder.

Sunday, March 8—8 P.M.: Broadway Hebrew Center, 110th St. and Broadway.

Friday, March 13—8 P.M.: IWO Lodge 572, 220 E. 80th St. Speaker: Janet Feder.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: President Chateau, 168th St. Speaker: William Browder.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Benson Madison, 1765 86th St. Speaker: William Albertson.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Washington Palace, 187 South Ninth St.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.: Premier Palace, 503 Sutter Ave. Speaker: Louis Weinstein.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.: P. S.

253, Ocean View Ave., near Sixth St. Speaker: William Albertson.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.: Gold Manor, 655 Wolloughby Ave.

Thursday, March 12—8 P.M.: Corleau Club, 2585 Bedford Ave.

Thursday, March 12—8 P.M.: Memorial Temple, 14th Ave. and 50th St. Speaker: Louis Weinstein.

BRONX

Sunday, Feb. 22—8 P.M.: Bronx Club, Claremont Parkway and Park Ave. Speaker: Carl Brodsky.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.: Hunts Point Palace, 953 Southern Boulevard. Speakers: Angelo Herndon, Rebecca Grech.

LONG ISLAND

Friday, Feb. 27—8 P.M.: Hungarian Hall, 22-78 35th St., Astoria. Speaker: Janet Feder.

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Gov't Winds Up Case Against Nazi Spies

Court Hears How Chief Agent Gave Data on Planes, Defense Plants

By Eric Bert

The government rested its conspiracy case against Nazi spies yesterday noon after introduction, in the morning session, of the last of its 250 pieces of evidence.

The government's case has taken almost three weeks to unfold. The defense began its presentation Friday afternoon with Mrs. Helen Pauline Mayer, sole woman defendant, on the stand in her own defense.

District Attorney Mathias Correa concluded the government's case with the introduction of seven additional reports sent by the spy chief Kurt Frederick Ludwig, and intercepted by the British censorship office in Bermuda.

These last reports contained additional defense information intended for the Gestapo and went into detail about the difficulties in which Ludwig was finding himself.

PLANE ESPIONAGE
Ludwig reported that difficulties had developed in flying planes to Britain because the planes were not heated. From another source he had learned that British bombers suffered most in their raids over Germany because their fuel tanks were insufficiently protected by armor plate.

He reported also on defense preparations at Fort Monmouth, Raritan River arsenal, and New York shipbuilding of Camden, all in New Jersey; Mitchell Field and the Grumman aircraft factory in Long Island.

The hopes of disunity in the United States which had been entertained by other Gestapo agents the previous winter were washed up as Ludwig saw things, particularly insofar as the labor movement was concerned.

Writing in German in secret ink on the reverse side of his June 28 report Ludwig said:

"According to rumors about New Year, a general strike was to have been called in the event of an expeditionary corps overseas but I do not believe, after the events at

North American aviation and after Russia's entrance into the war, that there will be any labor difficulties in the event of active participation by the U. S. in the war."

The kind of defense Warren Heer, attorney, will try to provide for Mrs. Mayer became clear when she took the stand. The defense will be that she never knew Ludwig was engaged in espionage, that "Bill" was engaged in espionage, or that she was aware of any spy activity being carried on.

Against defense objections the Judge Goddard accepted District Attorney Correa's motion that all evidence, except signed statements, offered against any defendant should be binding on all of them. Argument on this motion was concluded with the jury excluded from the court room.

Judge Goddard ruled that there was sufficient evidence of a conspiracy to warrant turning the matter over to the jury. Defense motions to dismiss the indictments were denied.

Military Court Tries Civilians in Secret

HONOLULU, Feb. 20 (UP).—A military commission meeting behind guarded doors resumes today the first of a series of trials of civilians charged with subversive activities.

The identity of the defendants and details of the charges were undisclosed. One man was said to be a German who came from Japan and had resided in Hawaii several years.

Japanese Invade Bali; U. S. Planes Hit Foo's Fleet

Fire Bombs Dropped on MacArthur's Supply Lines in Bataan

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western end of Java and Sumatra narrows down at one point to 14 miles.

Both Bali and Sumatra were lost, however, a move to acquire bases for easy attacks on supply lines to Java from Australia and the United States.

Official quarters here were unable to confirm Tokyo's claim that Japanese forces have landed also on Timor, half Dutch and half Portuguese island 500 miles east of Bali and only 410 miles northwest of Darwin, Australia.

They recognized in such a thrust, however, a move to acquire bases for easy attacks on supply lines to Java from Australia and the United States.

Allied scouting planes spotted the invasion fleet approaching Bali late yesterday. Naval units, including submarines, speeded into offensive action, but the only results known so far were those achieved by United States bombers, including Flying Fortresses and Liberators, which sped out to make the landing as costly as possible.

They shot down four Japanese fighter craft protecting the invaders and then unleashed bombs on warships and transports in the first dive-bombing attacks by American planes over the Netherlands East Indies.

Direct hits with heavy bombs, some weighing 660 pounds, were scored on "one or more enemy cruisers" and two transports, said a communiqué issued by Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's headquarters of the United Nations supreme command in the Southwest Pacific.

BELIEVE DARWIN RAID AIMED AT ALLIED AID

SYDNEY, Feb. 20 (UP).—Australian officials believed today that Japanese air attacks on the Darwin Naval Base and on the southeast coast of New Guinea were designed to block Allied reinforcements to Java rather than pave the way for an invasion of this continent.

Darwin, meanwhile, had its third alarm in 24 hours today, but no planes appeared.

A Royal Australian Air Force communiqué announced that seven civilians and eight members of the services were killed in yesterday's two savage attacks on Darwin, one by a squadron of 72 bombers escorted by fighters and the other by 21 twin-engine planes.

Air Minister Arthur S. Drakeford said that several ships were hit and wharves and buildings were damaged. RAF installations were reported hit "but not vitally."

Six of the attacking planes were downed, Drakeford said.

RANGOON EMPTY AS INVASION THREATENS
RANGOON, Feb. 17 (Delayed).—Rangoon is an empty and silent city in contrast with its hectic and clamorous before the war approached its gates.

On advice of military and civil

authorities, most of its inhabitants except those in essential services have been evacuated, either to India or to the North.

All of the essential services still are functioning, and some restaurants and bars are operating.

About 51 per cent of Rangoon's inhabitants were Indian, and many are returning to India. The Indian shop sections are empty.

JAPANESE FLEET OFF BURMA, MANDALAY HIT

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (UP).—Japanese planes have unleashed a shattering bombardment against Burma's storied city of Mandalay, and a Japanese invasion fleet is lurking off the Burmese coast, apparently for an attempt to outflank the Imperial Army on the Billin River line, it was reported today.

Although the British were reported holding firm along the Billin River, and even counter-attacking at some points, the presence of an invasion fleet, reported in newspaper dispatches from Kuming, Chinese terminus of the Burma Road, raised a new peril. It was feared that such a sea-borne invasion force could encircle Rangoon and outflank the Imperial defenses completely.

Mandalay, 380 miles north of Rangoon, the city immortalized in Kipling's ballad, apparently was hard hit by the air raiders. The Rangoon Radio said Japanese planes "destroyed the upper Burma capital"—believed to mean the old government buildings there—and inflicted heavy casualties. Mandalay is the second city of Burma and is on the Rangoon-Lashio railway, which connects with the Burma Road to form China's main supply line, now gravely endangered by the Japanese.

Despite the increased hazards, Burma's defenders were reported fighting on valiantly.

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—United Nations military chiefs today conferred hastily today on the problems presented by a Japanese invasion of Portuguese-Netherlands Timor, only 330 miles from continental Australia at the eastern end of the Netherlands Indies.

The Government here awaited news of the Portuguese Government's answer to its newest challenge to its neutrality in view of its protest against the landing of Australian and Netherlands troops in the Portuguese half of the island last Dec. 17.

Japan had struck suddenly, a territory lying within about 800 miles of Australia's northern base of Darwin, now an object of attack by Japanese planes.

It had struck while Portugal, under an agreement with the Allies had troops on the way to Timor to take over defense of the Portuguese area from the Australians and Netherlands.



Mrs. Roosevelt Resigns as OCD Director

Landis Tells Nation's Gratitude for Her Contributions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today resigned as an assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense so that "those who wish to attack me" may no longer use personal animosity as an excuse to belittle the agency.

The First Lady, who had been directing the voluntary participation division without pay since last Sept. 28, submitted her resignation, effective at once, in a letter to OCD Director James M. Landis. He accepted it and issued a vigorous defense of her activities.

"I did not wish to leave the Office of Civilian Defense until I could feel that I was doing so with completely competent people in charge," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

"That is now accomplished, and by remaining I would only make it possible for those who wish to attack me, because of my beliefs, to attack an agency which I consider can prove its usefulness so completely to the people, that it should be free of attack, in order to render its maximum service."

GOOD PROGRAM

No one person, she said, is more important than a good program—"I feel that yours is and will be a program vital to the well being of the people of the country."

Landis expressed deep appreciation for her work with the OCD and for the "strength and courage and vision and energy" which she gave "during the most critical days that the Office of Civilian Defense has faced."

"Not a farm nor a home but is now conscious of the imprint of your spirit," Landis said. "Indeed, no one but now knows that they have a task in civilian defense. This has been true of building America's fighting faith beside which criticism is puny, attack misplaced."

In behalf of the entire country, he extended to Mrs. Roosevelt sincere gratitude "for what you have given through this office to the men, women and children on America."

The First Lady's resignation came only 10 days after Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York withdrew as director of the OCD and was succeeded by Landis.

Detroit Workers To Fete Three Communists

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 20.—Ford and General Motors workers will attend a banquet here this Sunday in honor of three well-known Communist leaders active in the city.

Those to be feted are John Little, David McKelvey White and George Krystalsky. The latter is a candidate for the Hamtramck City Council.

One of the tributes to the three will be a presentation of 87 new subscriptions to the Sunday Worker. The West Side Section of the Communist Party which is sponsoring the affair has set itself a quota of 500 new Sunday Worker readers.

White and Little are active in educational and organizational activities. More than 100 auto workers are scheduled to attend the banquet.

A Boonie in the Navy: The Navy has a valuable recruit. He is Sherman Boone, 25, of Sikeston Mo., a direct descendant of the frontiersman, Daniel Boone.

Evacuation of Vital Coastal Areas Ordered

FDR Ruling Applies to Japanese Born Here, Germans, Italians

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt moved today to evacuate 60,000 second-generation Japanese from important West Coast defense areas by empowering the War Department to prescribe certain military zones throughout the nation and bar therefrom "any and all persons."

The President's action, taken by executive order, falls short of establishment of martial law in the involved areas, Attorney General Francis Biddle said at a press conference. He said abolition of the civil courts or other civilian functions is not contemplated.

"There is no thought to suspend the writ of habeas corpus," he said. "However, in my opinion, the courts will say that this is a military matter and we are not going beyond a military authority."

The President's order was directed primarily at the thousands of West Coast Japanese who are citizens of this country by birth or naturalization. Constitutional safeguards heretofore have prevented the government from removing them from strategic defense areas or otherwise curtailing their activities as has been done by the Justice Department in the case of enemy aliens.

Acting under his emergency war powers, the President suspended these guarantees for the duration. His order is sufficiently broad to hit the residence and activities of American citizens of German and Italian ancestry, including the German-American bundists.

classes are available. The 826 workers were made jobless with closing of the Harrison Radiator Co., supplier of auto parts. The few classes in Lockport were overloaded. After a fight, the workers won free transportation five nights a week.

Transportation in most war production centers is becoming no less serious problem. So overloaded are the bus and street car lines that workers must allow themselves considerable time to make certain they are not too late to punch the clock. With the work-day ten hours and more in some cases, the time lost in transportation cuts into sleep, rest and ultimately production.

The rationing is a common subject in up-state towns. A considerable percentage of workers have based their entire transportation on a car. They live in small communities miles away from the plant. They inspect their tires daily with increasing worry.

LABOR PRESSURE NEEDED
Such is the endless program of pressing problems that await consideration of the local defense councils. It appears that they will receive the necessary attention only when labor, the force most interested in their solution, presses for action. Unfortunately, labor representatives on defense councils interviewed by this reporter often left the impression that they don't feel they can do much against an array of manufacturers and political machine men on the councils.

There are examples, particularly in Jamestown and to some degree in Schenectady, where labor's initiative and pressure does win support and change the picture.

One thing is apparent: the same forces who have always fought labor and refused to give it recognition in the usual affairs of a community, are today continuing their policy in respect to the war effort. And labor can no more yield to that than it could to a refusal to recognize its right to organize and bargain collectively.

C.I.O. Condemns Rent Boosts in Federal Projects

R. J. Thomas Cites 60% Increases in Defense Homes; Damages Morale

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—A sharp protest against recent rent increases in housing projects managed by Federal government agencies was expressed by the Housing Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations in a statement by R. J. Thomas, chairman, issued today.

"Recent increases in rents and other changes in government managed defense housing projects are unjustified, inflationary and damaging to the morale of war production workers," Thomas said.

"These raises—amounting in some places to as much as 50 and 60 per cent—have been imposed completely without negotiation or even consultation with the tenants affected."

"At San Diego, for example, rents and other charges have gone up 60 per cent since Jan. 1 of this year. The tenants, most of them are aircraft workers, are being forced to leave the project and the area as a result. At Wichita, Kan., rents in a government project have been raised from an average of \$30

a month to an average of \$45. This was done despite the protests of the tenants, almost all of whom are aircraft workers receiving an average of 60 cents an hour."

"These unjustified and burdensome increases are a serious blow to the welfare and morale of the workers involved. They amount to sabotage of production. And must be halted at once."

"The CIO Housing Committee is heartily in favor of organization of tenants in these projects, so that they can secure representation in management and thus prevent these arbitrary and inflationary rent increases."

Fish Lauds Viereck At Nazi Agent's Trial

Tells Court German Propagandist Is 'A Great Publicist'

(Continued from Page 1)

son Letts to protect his "rights," but the judge merely told him that he could make a voluntary statement if he wished.

INSULTS PRESIDENT
Whereupon he said of Viereck that "I only knew him as an American citizen. I did not know he was registered as a German agent. His acquaintance with me was the same as with Franklin D. Roosevelt." Maloney jumped to his feet at the last remark, calling it "a public insult" and demanding that it be stricken from the record.

"I have been in Congress 32 years," Fish said, "and not one bit of Nazi propaganda has gone out of my office to my knowledge at any time."

"Would you know Nazi propaganda if you saw it?" Maloney asked.

"I would not because I don't

know any Nazi propaganda," Fish replied.

Earlier in a statement dictated to reporters, Fish said:

"I have known Mr. Viereck for years, the same as any other public official of New York, including President Roosevelt, Secretary Morgenthau, Senator Wagner, and others. I first met him when I was chairman of a House committee to combat Communist propaganda in 1939, when Mr. Viereck was writing articles on Communism for Liberty and the Saturday Evening Post."

7 Die in Crash

BRISBANE, Australia, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Qantas Airways plane crashed near Brisbane today killing its seven passengers and crew of two. It was the air line's first fatal crash in 21 years of operation.

Partisan Politics Mar Upstate Defense

(This is the seventh of a series on the Battle of Production in the vital and widespread up-state defense areas.)

By George Morris

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—Upstate city and county defense councils are still far from what the law intended them to be, and this is in large measure due to attempts to turn them into local partisan instruments instead of active organizations of all the people.

The conclusion stood out boldly after a tour of some of the principal war production centers of the state.

After Pearl Harbor, for a short time, there was much talk of adjoining partisan politics for the duration and how the cooperation of all would be welcomed to beat the Axis.

POLITICS-AS-USUAL

Local political machines, however, soon assumed their usual form and politics-as-usual asserted itself. The result is not national unity, but a narrowing down of the resources of the defense council to those of a political machine—a situation indeed serious in view of the recent warning by the President on the threat of an attack. Needless to point out that the resultant complacency is perfectly satisfactory to appeaser elements, whose pre-Pearl Harbor sentiments are cropping up more boldly these days.

In Rochester where the Republican machine is in full power, and both papers are Gannett-owned, Democrats can hardly break into civilian defense post.

In Albany the Republicans, except for a few whose local politics coincide with those of the O'Connell machine, have about an equal disadvantage.

The American Labor Party is completely disregarded for representation on responsible posts.

Defense Council posts don't pay. Especially in the smaller centers, all work is voluntary from the co-

Labor Initiative Needed on Councils

ordinator down. But somehow the practice of patronage holds sway even there. Above all is the fear that posts in the defense machinery may bring political advantage.

To be sure, this is not the case everywhere. Jamestown offers a different example. Labor, relatively well organized, united and active, has been the very force that made that city's defense council an exemplary one. It is closer than any in the state to being the democratic expression of the people for defense.

Its work branches out into many fields—as the law requires it to do—and it has brought a very large percentage of the people into various civilian defense activities. The chief secret there, of course, is that the doors were left wide open to union workers who naturally furnish the most active force.

The principal complaints I have met in those cities where politics-as-usual dominates over defense, is that people who register for defense services receive a cold reception, or wait for weeks and months before they are even called. When they are called they are often told that they will be notified when needed. There are large numbers who have registered in the week of Pearl Harbor but have yet to receive word on what to do.

DISREGARD FOR LABOR

In almost every city labor unions, usually one each from the CIO and AFL central bodies, received a place on the defense council. But in few places does recognition of labor go further than that. The narrowing down process takes effect through the practical machinery so that the labor representatives are often little more than figure heads who once in a while sit at a meeting. City authorities always point to labor's representatives on the general council as though this should satisfy everyone.

Interviews with labor's representatives on five civilian defense councils upstate confirmed fully the formal nature of their membership. There are labor representatives on such councils who are content to be mere figureheads and to receive the publicity and honor that goes with it. There are others, however, who feel discouraged because they had believed that at least in this field the door would be fully open to labor and all who want to put their shoulder to the wheel.

In Buffalo, for example, the attempt of unions to enroll thousands of their members as air raid and fire wardens, and for all sorts of training courses, was blocked. In place of this mass enrollment, people are required to enroll individually. Along with that is the refusal by most companies to accept the offer of the union members in their shops to enroll in the plant defense machinery. The managements of Bethlehem at Lackawanna, Bell Aircraft and Curtiss-Wright at Buffalo, insists that the plant's regular police force is adequate. The same fear to broaden out the defense force was evident at General Electric of Schenectady, and at most other major plants.

Yet at every turn one meets posters calling for enrollment in civilian defense services.

LIMITED DEFENSE ACTION

The effect of political control over the councils is also to narrow their functions to only a few of the fields that the law puts under their scope. Many of the most vital matters are skipped because no one presses for them.

Governor Lehman's very instructive report to the legislature of the New York state defense program, actually reveals how far behind most of the defense councils are. The report shows that blackout practice, designation of wardens or

training of first-aid workers, are only some of the matters that concern the defense council. The report lists housing, labor supply, training and retraining, food supply, rationing, transportation, production and manufacturing facilities, hospital, clinic and other health facilities, combating sabotage, protection of civil liberties, combating discrimination; maintenance of morale and many other activities, under council's scope.

Few of the upstate councils have really tackled those questions. As matters stand in many cities: Housing is in a state of acute crisis. The vacancy ratio in Buffalo, Schenectady, Rochester, Syracuse, Niagara Falls, Albany and other centers is about zero. Employers admit that much needed skilled workers from other areas have applied for jobs, but cannot go to work because they have no place to live. Housing is becoming one of the big reasons for slow expansion at many plants.

NEGRO DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination against Negroes, skilled and unskilled, continues at most of the large war plants. Some of the principal war plants are still operating far less than seven days a week or three shifts a day.

Steel mills are curtailing production because of a scrap shortage, yet no real drive for scrap collection has gotten under way.

Many communities facing distress because of closing down of consumer goods plants, have not yet been provided with training classes to fit the unemployed for war work. An example of the problem facing a defense council was furnished at Lockport, 30 miles out of Buffalo, where the local of the United Automobile Workers, had to wage a fight for free transportation to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, where training

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Dies Ignores Fascists, Rep. Eliot Charges

Calls Committee 'Dangerous' in House Fight

URGES NO FUNDS

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Pointing to the roster of fascists whom the Dies Committee has seen fit to ignore while conducting its persecutions against government employees and others, Rep. Thomas H. Eliot, Massachusetts Democrat, yesterday opened the campaign to defeat another appropriation for Martin Dies and his committee.

Eliot in a speech before the House held up the Dies Committee's record as proof of its smear campaign against "decent and loyal Americans" while it completely ignored the activities of brazen fascists like George Deatherage.

Mr. Eliot also pointed to the long list of unreal promises of the Dies Committee to expose fascist activities, declaring "the Committee's record on Fascist organizations is a sorry one of big promises and little or no performance."

Eliot, who is the grandson of the famous Harvard president, scornfully called attention to some of the targets of the Dies Committee, asserting its activities "should make the whole House thoroughly ashamed."

DANGEROUS, HE SAYS

"The future is pretty dark and we would not brighten it by perpetuating a committee which is only a source of futile confusion, suspicion, absurdity, doubt and hatred," Eliot declared. "We would simply make things worse. The Dies Committee is a dangerous plaything."

Eliot scornfully recited names of well-known people whom the Dies Committee had attempted to smear, including Warden Lewis of Sing Sing and other indorsers of the American Youth Act.

"And what does the gentleman from Texas call an un-American or Communist-front organization?" Eliot remarked. "Let me give you an example. William E. Dodd, Jr., according to the Dies Committee, is subversive because his father—get that, his father, Ambassador Dodd, not he himself—was a member of something called the Council Against Intolerance. Here are some of the traitorous subversive men who formed that council:

"Its co-chairmen were Sen. Barbour of New Jersey, George Gordon Battle and William Allen White. Members of the Council included Attorney General Biddle, Sen. Bennett Clark of Missouri, Thomas E. Dewey, Frank Gannett, Joseph Daniels, Gov. Saltonstall of Massachusetts and the Rev. Maurice E. Sheehy of Catholic University, who spoke over the radio under the auspices of the Council. It is alarming to note, too, that in this subversive Communist-front organization—members of the Council itself—were Alfred E. Smith and Sen. Carter Glass of Virginia."

SHAMEFUL ACTIVITY

"How can we stand for this kind of thing? It is just silly and it makes the House look utterly ridiculous. We are told to blacklist a man because his father served on a Council with such sinister, dangerous, revolutionaries as Joseph Daniels and Carter Glass? We are told that an organization is a 'Communist front' when its spokesman over a national network is the head of the Department of Religious Education at Catholic University? When a House committee does a thing like this, insulting statesmen and clergy alike, it destroys its own value and it should make the whole House thoroughly ashamed."

"Just take these few names. One Mary Johnson, a minor clerk, is listed or rather blacklisted, because somebody named Mary Johnson drew a picture for a Communist paper six years ago. It is not the same Mary Johnson, but that does not matter to the Dies Committee. There are thousands of Mary Johnsons but obviously they had better not work for the Government; the Dies Committee will get them."

IGNORES FASCISTS

"And while the House's special committee urges the Federal Bureau of Investigation to set its bloodhounds on the trail of 'Mary Johnsons,' the great ship Normandie goes up in flames and is a total loss. Did somebody once say something about putting first things first?"

"Then on that list, there is George Saunders of the Office of Civilian Defense. He is on the blacklist. The Committee's file says he is a Communist living in Pittsburgh. Actually the George Saunders in the Office of Civilian Defense lives in San Francisco where he is active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. His former professor, Sen. Robert Thomas of Utah, tells me he is a Roman Catholic. But our eagle-eyed Committee tells the FBI to track him down just the same."

"And while they demand the scalp of this Catholic layman and call him 'Red' do you know what is happening only a hundred miles away? George Deatherage, the Frank American Fascist who used to head the Knights of the White Camelia, and who planned a Fascist coup to seize the Government, is executive engineer at an immense



REP. THOMAS H. ELIOT

naval construction project right down here at Norfolk. But our alert Dies Committee did not know about that; they were too busy worrying about 'Mary Johnsons' and that revolutionary organization headed by Al Smith and Gov. Saltonstall and Father Sheehy."

BLASTS PHONY PROMISES

"As a matter of fact, the Dies Committee has never done much about the 'fascist-front organizations.' The Chairman had said a lot about them, but the record is largely one of words, not action."

"For instance, only July 16 of last year, the Chairman promised to make public 'soon,' as he put it, a document relating to fascistic, anti-Semitic groups. The document has never appeared."

"On March 8 of last year, he was reported to have evidence concerning a huge organization to promote Nazi ideology. There has been no mention of this since then."

"Fourteen months ago he promised to expose Nazi money-raising campaigns in the United States and said that the Committee has seized records containing 220,000 names; has anyone ever seen the names or heard of that 'exposure'?"

"The Philadelphia Inquirer quotes him on Nov. 30, 1940, as promising to reveal, 'next week,' a plot of the Bund to sabotage American industry. But to this day the plot remains unrevealed."

"And on Sept. 18, 1939, in a radio speech, the gentleman from Texas said he had evidence of co-operation between the Bund and some native fascist groups—including, by the way, George Deatherage's Knights of the White Camelia. But no action by the Committee followed—and the Knight of the White Camelia has turned up in a key defense job."

"I could go on with this for a long time, for on the Committee's record on fascist organizations is a sorry one of big promises and little or no performance."

"UNVARNISHED SMEARS"

"Only last week, at a public hearing of the Rules Committee, the gentleman from Georgia (Eugene Cox), implied that A. F. Whitney was a Communist because he belonged to the League for Peace and Democracy. And who is A. F. Whitney? He has been for years the president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of the best established, most loyal American working men's organizations in our history. When the gentleman from Georgia said Mr. Whitney was 'linked with Browder'—and that is what he said, I heard him say it—he was accusing not only Mr. Whitney but thousands of good Americans who belong to that organization, who know Mr. Whitney well, and have elected and re-elected him as their president."

"Let me cite some more 'unvarnished smears.' 'Here is a Government employee named Gauld—I never heard of him before—who is labeled un-American by the Dies Committee because he was a member of a committee headed up by former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. 'Here is a group labeled 'Communist front'—the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. The Dies Committee calls it a Communist-front group, but the gentleman from Massachusetts, the distinguished majority leader, John W. McCormack, calls it a fine organization of Americans. How long are we going to continue to put any stock whatever in the accusations of the Dies Committee?"

"Here is another subversive group—the China Aid Council. A Government employee is put on the blacklist because he belonged to that. Well, the China Aid Council is a part of United China Relief and the honorary chairman of the United China Relief is Mr. Wendell Willkie. Are we seriously trying to prove that Mr. Willkie is some kind of a 'pink'?"

"Finally, here is an activity which the Dies Committee considers subversive. Yes, this is an activity listed in the Dies Committee files and charged against U. S. employees as un-American; signing a petition against the Dies Committee. 'Anybody who opposes the continuation of the Dies Committee is ipso facto un-American. I need not comment on the dangerous implications of a thing like that. It is enough to point out the amazing and smug self-righteousness of the Committee."

End Dies Activity 'For Victory' 347 Noted Americans Urge House

Committee Aids Hitler, Open Letter Says

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Letters bearing the names of 347 persons were sent to members of the House today urging that the Dies Committee investigation of un-American activities be discontinued "in the interest of American victory over the Fascist Axis."

George Marshall, Vice-Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, which sponsored the letter, released the list of signers today.

The Dies Committee expires March 31. A request for extension, embodied in House Resolution 429 introduced by Representative Dies a week ago, is expected to come up for consideration in the House on Feb. 24.

Pointing out that Martin Dies is the American most frequently and approvingly quoted in official propaganda broadcasts of the German Government, the open letter charges that he and his committee have damaged production and morale by criticizing the country's foreign policy, by smearing persons whose abilities are needed in the war effort, and by sniping at public officials who are attempting to carry out the government's plans to preserve the national spirit—while Dies himself has consorted with and shielded native fascists.

AID TO HITLER

The letter reads in part: "As an individual Dies has consorted with native fascists, with Bundists, with Christian Fronters and anti-Semites. He has accepted their hospitality, spoken on the same platform with them and subtly agreed with their anti-democratic sentiments. . . ."

LETTER TO CONGRESSMEN

The text of the open letter follows: "Representative Martin Dies of Texas is once again pressing you to extend the life of his so-called Special Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities, and to appropriate the public's money for the purpose. (House Resolution 429)."

In the interest of American victory over the fascist Axis we ask that the Dies Committee be dissolved."

Victory depends upon production and morale. Production depends upon the maximum use of the skills and talents of the American people. Morale is an intangible element that depends upon confidence in our public officials.

Dies and his committee have damaged both these vital elements by criticizing the country's foreign policy, by smearing persons whose abilities are needed in the war effort and by sniping at public officials who are attempting to carry out the government's plans to preserve the national spirit."

As an individual Dies has consorted with native fascists, with Bundists, with Christian Fronters and anti-Semites. He has accepted their hospitality, spoken on the same platform with them and publicly agreed with their anti-democratic sentiments. As chairman of the special committee he has shielded them from exposure, has suppressed their incriminating documents and has freely permitted the committee to be used as a sounding board for Axis propaganda. Because of these activities he has become the most frequently quoted American in official propaganda broadcasts of the German government."

The Dies Committee did nothing about the misuse of the Congressional frank for pro-Axis propaganda, or a number of other subversive acts now exposed in the courts."

Using the infamous Hitler method of demagoguery, Dies and his colleagues of the committee have masked their anti-democratic activities behind a red scare. They have smeared unions and their leaders, peoples' organizations and their leaders, government agencies and their directors—being guided by conscience only by the interests of the reactionary and predatory groups which Dies always has represented on the floor of the Congress. Dies himself, has publicly proclaimed hope for the military defeat of one of our three major allies."

Further activities of the Dies Committee—despite Dies' usual pre-emption gestures toward investigating anti-democratic groups—can only disrupt production, create false suspicion, dampen the morale and give aid and comfort to Adolf Hitler. For victory over fascism, we demand an end to the Dies Committee."

Additional Signers of Dies Statement

Additional names of the 347 noted Americans who signed the open letter to members of the House demanding an end to the Dies Committee "in the interest of American victory over the fascist Axis," are listed below:

Prof. Floyd H. Allport, University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
Prof. Gordon W. Allport, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
Charles R. Bagley, Hanover, N. H.
J. Herbert Bainton, Woodmont, Conn.

Wayne Barker, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Dr. Henry Lambert Bibby, New York
Rabbi Herbert I. Bloom, Kingston, N. Y.

Dr. Ernst P. Boas, New York
Rev. W. Russell Bowie, New York
Sophonisba P. Breckinridge, Chicago, Ill.
Van Wyck Brooks, author of "The Flowering of New England: Opinions of Oliver Allen."

Dr. Esther Lucile Brown, Russell Sage Foundation, New York
Henrietta Buckmaster, author of "Let My People Go."
Walter Bynner, poet, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
H. M. Burlage, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Frank W. Clelland, Atlanta, Ga.
Prof. Hadley Cantril, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

Dr. Ephraim Cross, New York
Countess Cullen, poet, New York
John F. Dashiell, University of North Carolina
Herbert Davis, president, Smith College.
Hedley S. Dimock, Chicago, Ill.
E. Merrick Dodd, Harvard University Law School.

Muriel Draper, New York
Prof. Charles A. Ellwood, Duke University, Durham, N. C.
Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, New York University
Harold V. Faulkner, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
Waldo Frank, writer, New York
D. P. Grachy, Decatur, Ga.
Prof. W. Brook Graves, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Armand Guerrere, Chicago, Ill.

William Harrison, Associate Editor, Boston Chronicle.
Georgia Harkness, Evanston, Ill.
Alino Davis Hays, New York
Prof. Walter M. Horton, Oberlin College.
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Keep 'Em Reading: The Minneapolis CIO does a job in the armed services. Filing them up are State CIO Director Leonard Lageman, Organizer Sam Swanson of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, Mrs. Gunnel Lex and Mr. Wheeler.

Steel Town Subs of Sunday Worker Jump

Communists Reach 3/4th of Pledge; Get Wide Response from Farrel Workers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 20.—A pledge to secure 100 subscribers for the Sunday Worker by May 1, has already been three-quarters fulfilled by a steel town branch of the Communist Party after three weeks of intensive activity.

Seventy-five subscribers, mostly among the workers in the steel mills in their vicinity have

been enrolled by the Farrel, Pa. branch of the Communist Party. Among these new readers of the Sunday Worker are political leaders elected through labor support, union officials and rank and file workers busy with the job of producing America's war material.

Communist Party members in Farrel enthused by the response now say they are going to forget about the quota of 100 subscribers by May 1. This Sunday they are

going house to house with 100 extra copies of the paper. For this town, with bad transportation facilities, and with Sunday no holiday because of the high work schedule at the steel mills, subscriptions are the best way to get the paper to its readers.

They have been getting subscribers through visits to homes, at union meetings and in the plants. Their slogan: "The Sunday Worker is the Key to Victory."

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Churchill Makes Welcome Changes

Churchill's war cabinet changes are steps in the right direction. They are a beginning in the work that needs to be done to rid the war effort of deadwood, bureaucratic incompetence, and downright appeaser elements. The English people undoubtedly welcome Churchill's action.

The appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps, for example, indicates that the alliance with the Soviet Union and the policy of aid to the Red Army will be sustained, as overwhelmingly popular opinion demands. Cripps has expressed support for this policy with bold conviction upon his return from the Soviet Union. It is the same conviction for complete alliance with the Soviet Union which is growing in this country.

The Churchill cabinet, of course, has many grave problems to solve without delay. Production, as the visiting Soviet trade union delegation noted, still lags because of failure to make full use of existing capacity. The spirit of well-planned and bold offensive in the leadership of the armed forces still needs far more development so that Hitler can begin to feel the blows of a British attack on his western flank in Europe. And the policy of arming the colonial peoples, bringing them actively into the world struggle, needs attention.

But the Cabinet changes indicate that the pressure of British labor and the country as a whole has delivered a blow to the right-wing appeaser elements who had hoped to make capital out of the defeats which they themselves helped to bring about.

There is no doubt that the British people will continue their popular demands for whatever further changes may be necessary in Churchill's cabinet. The British people are waging the same kind of fight as we do against dry rot incompetence and complacency which can prove so fatal in the all-out war to destroy Hitlerism.

The Monstrous Deception At Riom

The trial at Riom which the Vichy regime has cooked up is a monstrous deception engineered by Hitler and Petain. The purpose of this tragic burlesque is to divert attention from the guilt of Petain regime and its prostration before the Nazis. The idea is to find scapegoats for the popular rage which smolders within France against its betrayers.

The defendants—Leon Blum, Daladier and General Gamelin—find themselves at the mercy of the Petain-Hitler gang because they themselves contributed to France's engulfment by fascism. This is the tragic irony of the situation whose lesson ought not to be lost upon those in this country who would like to persist in the kind of error made classic by Blum and Daladier.

France fell as a victim to the policy of appeasement, symbolized by Chamberlain and the Munich Pact. The terrible mistake of Daladier and Blum was that they surrendered to this appeasement and approved it. It led them into the trap of Hitler and Petain.

France could have been saved by the policy of firm unity with the Soviet Union against fascist aggression, by aid to the Spanish Republic, and national unity against fascism as outlined by the Popular Front.

Blum and Daladier, however, gave way before the demands of the Petains, Laval and Bonnets, the spokesmen for French fascism and the most ruthless circles of monopolist reaction. Blum and Daladier sought to appease these terrorist ruling class gangs by tearing up the alliance with the Soviet Union, by signing the Munich Pact, by surrendering Spain to fascism, and by hounding the Communists and the working class movement. By these errors and betrayals, Blum and Daladier isolated France for the inevitable Nazi invasion and for the emergence of the Petain regime as the puppet of Berlin.

Daladier and Blum thought they would appease French fascism and Hitler; instead, they brought French fascism to power as the servile tool of Nazi Germany astride a prostrate France. Today, they are the victims of the fascist forces they sought to appease.

Such is the tragic lesson of their mistakes. But whatever their crimes, there is

no justification for the Petain-Hitler "trial" by which the arch-betrayers of the French people pose as those who seek the "betrayers of France." The supreme guilt for France's downfall lies with the senile Petain and the venal Laval, with the French agents of Hitler. It was they who cracked the whip to which Blum and Daladier unfortunately danced, and it is they with Hitler, who will finally have to stand in the dock of history for their sinister connivance in the betrayal of a people to a brutal conqueror.

To Save the Jobless Compensation Bill

With commendable alacrity, the AFL and CIO leaders have made haste to save the administration's \$300,000,000 compensation fund for workers affected by priorities and conversion. Scarcely had the House Ways and Means Committee smothered the measure than the labor members of the Victory Labor Board moved in union for its defense.

They are performing a patriotic act by this alertness. If this measure is not speedily passed, defense workers will be scattered all over the country looking for jobs. Chaos will be created in centers where conversion is taking place. The sufferings in these workers' families will undoubtedly affect the national morale. The penny-pinching viewpoint of the sixteen members of the Ways and Means Committee who voted against the measure hasn't a leg to stand on. It represents a blow between the eyes at national defense.

The renewed belly-aching about "state's rights" which has accompanied opposition to the administration proposal is reminiscent of similar shoddy arguments against the entire institution of social security back in 1936. Recently there was passed by Congress a bill to recompense property owners whose holdings are damaged in the war. "State's rights" was not mentioned at that time, and rightly so. But in the matter of human lives and national morale, this fictitious "issue" is again brought forward.

We are surprised to note that the New York Herald Tribune gives aid and comfort to the gossippers about "state's rights," in expressing opposition to the administration measure. To be sure, that newspaper takes this stand somewhat shamefacedly; it admits that something has to be done to prevent the dispersion of the industrial population. But sacred "state's rights" are apparently preferable, in its opinion, to a solution of the difficulty.

Surely the Herald Tribune is aware that the opponents of the administration measure are doing that very harm to all-out war production which that newspaper does not want. The very flimsiness of the arguments used against the proposal can stimulate labor to act with speed and decisiveness for its adoption.

Navy Officials' Tender Solicitude for a Fascist

Something almost weird is transpiring on the naval construction project at Norfolk, Va. The Navy Department officialdom, which has already presented to the nation the inexcusable disgrace of Pearl Harbor, is giving another black eye to the nation's defense in the key Virginia port.

In this war against the Nazis, these Navy officials have allowed a man who acted as correspondent for the Nazi information service, World Service, to be placed in charge of the highly confidential \$25,000,000 naval construction job. This is none other than George Deatherage, the buddy and co-worker with Fritz Kuhn of Hitler's Bund and the man who in 1939 at Innisfail Park openly declared himself to be an enemy of democracy. This is the Deatherage who conducted a campaign for the killing off of "Communists and Jews," after the Hitler pattern, and echoed every foul untruth invented by Goebbels. This is the man who worked to make Gen. Van Hohn Mosely, the apostle of force and violence for the overthrow of the New Deal, the head of the fascist gunmen in America. This is the pro-Hitlerite who now tells the representative of the newspaper PM that his undemocratic views are unchanged.

The ease with which these open fascists carry on their anti-American activities and find their way into confidential places is startling and disgusting. It is of a piece with the wretched negligence (to call it by the mildest term possible) which led to the burning of the Normandie and the debacle at Pearl Harbor.

The Navy officials, when queried, say blandly that they can do nothing about Deatherage, that "a man's job is at stake." This tender solicitude for this pupil of Goebbels is in strange contrast to the ruthlessness with which they have penalized loyal anti-fascists.

Deatherage has no place in American life, any more than Fritz Kuhn had or any other native or foreign-born Axis agent or sympathizer. Before the Dies Committee, this nightshirt fascist gave a crass exhibition of arrogance and hatred for democracy. And yet Dies and his colleagues let Deatherage go out freely to continue his pro-Hitlerite activities, as per the usual Dies formula. That the Navy Department officials now take the same attitude constitutes a grave danger to American security. Is it not of the same appeasing frame of mind which brought a tragedy on this nation at Pearl Harbor and which, if not stamped out, will lead to other disasters?



THE LOCAL APPEASERS TRY TO DISRUPT CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The campaign for the removal of Mayor LaGuardia as Civilian Defense head in New York is really an outright appeaser attempt to disrupt civilian defense and sabotage the war effort.

It is understandable that the World-Telegram—paced closely by the Daily News—should assume ring leadership. These are two of the most notorious appeaser papers in the city, and no doubt in the country.

By no stretch of the imagination can the petition upon which the Telegram bases its destructive campaign be classified as constructive criticism. As a Daily Worker story revealed yesterday, the petition savors of the "Christian Front" which has always been pro-Hitler and which has consistently fought every progressive anti-fascist policy of the LaGuardia administration. It was hardly one month after the fascist Coughlin, in Social Justice, called for his followers to "join up" with OCD (apparently to disrupt from within), that this petition made its appearance in the World-Telegram's headlines.

The petition launches its fire against the OCD which has been set up to protect the people of New York and the country. It contains no condemnation whatever of Hitler. This fits in neatly with the policy of the Telegram and the News. Neither ever has anything to say worth mentioning against Hitler. The main enemy, to these Quisling-like publications, is the national government and the nation's war effort.

Police Commissioner Valentine expressed the sentiment of the people when he stated: "The petition is a vicious attempt to create dissension, to break morale, and to undermine constituted authority. The Police Department will not permit within the ranks of the air raid wardens, anyone who disseminates or subscribes to attacks calculated to destroy discipline, cause disunity and impair morale."

In the teeth of Commissioner Valentine's justifiable order to protect civilians, the Daily News yesterday editorially called "for more and bigger rebellions" against Civilian Defense.

This is an attack upon the welfare of the people of New York—a piece of advice which serves Hitler's purpose.

One of the biggest examples of the campaign's humbuggery is the attempt of the Daily News and the Telegram to palm it off as representing the "people of Queens" and of the city. The Long Island Star-Journal yesterday, reflecting the wishes of the Queens population, flatly opposes this "petition" campaign and points out the mischief which would be accomplished by turning over civilian defense to the overburdened War Department. "The conditions complained of are not serious," the Star continues, "they can be remedied by diagnosis" and efficiency.

Mayor LaGuardia might well ponder why the appeasers are increasing their attacks upon the city's war effort. These pro-Hitler elements have tasted the fruit of victory as when the Mayor yielded in the removal of Paul Kern, and the Mayor's continued silence on the five-cent fare. Such concessions only embolden the appeasers in their attacks upon national unity and upon the Mayor's support of the foreign policy of our government.

Civilian defense can and should be improved in efficiency and organization. The great majority of air-raid wardens are honest, decent citizens who are conscientious in their jobs and eager to learn. The fight against Hitler and the protection of the people are their primary concern. But the primary concern of the Telegram and the Daily News in their attacks is to weaken, confuse and disunite civilian defense and the citizens who are loyally trying to build it.

The people, who realize that our country is at war, will support stern measures to put down the Coughlinite and appeaser influence at work against civilian defense and the common good in this serious crisis.

One of the best guarantees for the elimination of these disruptive influences and for the strengthening of civilian defense is for Mayor LaGuardia, at the earliest moment, to call into active service the officially designated representatives of organized labor that they may help to unify and rally the entire population to this vital phase of the war effort.

Letters from Our Readers

Says Delay in Freeing Browder Encourages FDR's Foes

Lancaster, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A divided people is Hitler's ace trick. Surely, the President of the United States realizes that our nation is in jeopardy. Then why does Mr. Browder, father and respected citizen, have to endure the unwarranted misery of staying behind prison bars while the Nazi-fascist fifth columnists aid Hitler and his confederates in the United States.

Delay in freeing Mr. Browder only adds ammunition to the arsenal of oppositionists—Mr. Roosevelt's foes—Martin Dies, William Randolph Hearst, Westbrook Pegler, the so-called Father Coughlin and others of their ilk.

To beat Hitler we must have Hitler's foes in the leadership. Mr. Browder is a distinguished anti-fascist leader.

Suggests Column on Social and Economic Systems

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily and Sunday Worker is quite properly devoted to winning the war. However, I would sug-

gest since all readers do not understand sociology and the history of economics that the "Worker" publish a column devoted to elementary analysis of social and economic systems.

I believe such knowledge would enable persons to better understand the conduct of the war, better prepare them to meet the problems of the war and help to win the war against fascism.

The People's Press

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Mike Gold's column, "The People's Press Does Not Live by Mathematics But by Miracles," in the Feb. 12 issue was very timely. How vast is the difference that lies in the public service rendered by the people's press on the one hand and the press whose interests are mainly concerned with the accumulation and hoarding of great wealth and power in the hands of the few.

All that the people's press possesses, Mike truthfully reminds us is a spark of faith in the people's cause. And this is being amply demonstrated by not only the survival of the Daily and Sunday Worker, but also by their constant growth in circulation.

At another critical period of this nation's life as a free and united people it was the brave anti-slavery

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

LITTLE TESTAMENT

Year being nineteen-forty-two,
 And sudden death a time-bomb ticking,
 We hand this testament to you,
 Though feeling very alive and kicking.
 Our worldly goods make such sparse picking
 We'll leave what is not wholly ours.
 If any beneficiary's lacking,
 Fill in his name, and omit flowers.

To Viereck, Pelley, and other such rats,
 To Coughlin, Dies, and such elite,
 To Bilbo and other lynchocrats,
 We leave their own sweet words to eat—
 (If it's our poison, it is their meat,
 Though any healthy stomach may gag it)—
 And let them cook the mess in the heat
 Made from the burning of rope and faggot.

Item: In payment for services rendered:
 To every Quisling: a Judas tree;
 To feel how heavy when suspended
 Thirty pieces of silver can be.
 Item: The Order of the Banded Knee
 To Aguinaldo and Premier Wang
 And all such dancing puppetry
 Who've taken string enough to hang.

Item: To Adolf: the tender mercies
 Of the raped, the bombed, the refugees,
 The buried in battle, the homecomers in hearses,
 The people of Europe, the chalkers of V.A.
 And the Red Army, weapon of all of these,
 Then, to whatever still lies squealing,
 The last Berchtesgaden for his disease:
 A house of earth, with a six-foot ceiling.

Item: to our Sawdust Caesar,
 Big-Jaw Mose, our brave El Duce—
 (To those who know the seer, he's a
 Lowdown Megalomaniac Moocher)—
 We hereby do bequeath the stooge a
 Shout from Italian throats, "Abease!"
 And then, to finish off the butcher,
 An Ethiopian hot-seat for old Mose.
 NAOMI RIPLEY.

Dear Point of Order: This is a true story. A self-confessed Trotskyite here in Lexington was called before the draft board for a physical examination. Being a Trotskyite, he was unwilling to serve his country, of course, and he figured he had a better chance for exemption on his mental disabilities than on physical grounds. Therefore he demanded he be given a psychiatric examination to prove that he was mentally, morally and spiritually unfit for the Army. Of course, we know that all Trotskyites are mentally deficient but this was the first time we ever heard one insist that his mental deficiencies be duly recognized.
 F. N. Lexington, Kentucky.

SONG OF AN INJUSTICE

Judge Manton sold his justice cheap,
 But no one ever heard a peep.
 He should be in a cell for keep,
 BUT BROWDER'S STILL IN JAIL!

The Christian Fronters were caught one day,
 Seventeen guys going Franco's way.
 They were acquitted, so what do you say?
 BUT BROWDER'S STILL IN JAIL!

It was proved at Laura Ingall's trial,
 That she was spying Nazi-style.
 And she'll be out in eight months, while
 BROWDER'S STILL IN JAIL!

Tom Mooney was once framed up, too,
 But freed when the voice of labor grew,
 Now old Tom Mooney appeals to you:
 GET BROWDER OUT OF JAIL!

Address your letters to Roosevelt,
 Tell him just the way you feel,
 That justice surely has been misdealt,
 LET BROWDER OUT OF JAIL!

CHARNEY.

The Red Army says: "Shoot the tanks to us
 Yanks, thanks."
 R. T. R., Chicago.

IF AND BUT...

If I were pernicious
 Like Hamilton Fish is,
 The G. Men would hail me
 (Quite rightfully) and jail me
 BUT... if I were to cater
 To Viereck, the traitor,
 And had the protection
 Of a Congress election—
 I COULD BE AS VICIOUS, PERNICIOUS,
 NAZIFICIOUS, AS CONGRESSMAN FISH IS!
 SIDNEY JEROME

Suggested epitaph for Hitler:

"Here lies only the shell—
 The nut is gone."
 ANTI-FASCIST.

TO HIGH HEAVEN

A columnist for the W—ld-Telly,
 For his boss, always creeps on his belly,
 His abasement is regular,
 This columnist, P—ler,
 And the trail that he leaves is quite smelly.
 MATTHEW HALL.

Letters from Our Readers

Journal, "The Liberator," which William Lloyd Garrison started in Boston, Jan. 1, 1831, without a dollar or a subscriber, and which kept going for 35 years, until slavery was abolished, that the moral power of the people's press was most gloriously demonstrated.
 A. G. D.

Total Destruction of Incendiaries—Only Hope for Mankind

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There never was so much at stake in the history of the world as there is now. The whole human race is faced with a mammoth challenge, a grave threat that embraces the entire earth. The whole globe is truly ablaze now. There is no refuge, no escape, except through the total destruction of the incendiaries. No one could add more fire and wind to the fascist flames than those who say, "Let the Russians take care of their war. Our war is in the Pacific."

There is only one war. Despite its many fronts, just as a tree, with all its numerous branches, is only one tree. Cut down the tree and the branches will go down with it. Hitler is the evil tree and he must be demolished, utterly destroyed before the whole rotten Axis can be effectively cut down.
 A. S.

CHANGE THE WORLD

'Morning Freiheit' Drama
Critic Takes Issue with
Column on 'Cafe Crown'

By MIKE GOLD

Dear Mike Gold:

As one of your devotees, may I say, in connection with your column on "Cafe Crown," that this time you muffed the ball? I know that you are full of tenderness and compassion when it comes to Jews without money. But that is no reason for reading into a "Jew-comedian" play a wishful content.

"Cafe Crown" is supposed to be pure Cafe Royal. Whenever that restaurant is exploited by clever writers for its local color, the resulting picture is largely fiction and full of "romantic" nonsense. Jewish men of culture and a sense of national self-respect always resent this "color"-treatment of Jewish environment. The late Moises Olin, in his memoirs covering the period of a quarter of a century ago, had this to say:

"The general press regarded it (the Jewish milieu) as a kind of freak show. Jewish environment afforded good material for a 'colorful' picture. A good reporter could turn it into a striking 'feature story.' But in the eyes of these feature writers Jewish life and the Jewish milieu were not worthy of respect or serious exploration. . . . To me these stories looked like an insult. . . . In them I found a false interpretation of everything that is American and a complete disregard for the admirable qualities of the Jewish immigrant. It was disgusting."

"Cafe Crown" continues this sorry tradition. Its author, H. S. Kraft, probably meant to glorify the magnanimous act of the Jewish star, David Cole, who sacrificed his own enterprise to help his intended son-in-law on the road to Hollywood and glory. But the exploitation of the color-element of Cafe Royal for purposes of commercial success on Broadway nevertheless puts him in the same category with "these feature writers" in whose eyes "Jewish life and Jewish milieu were not worthy of respect or serious exploration."

"Cafe Crown" is a false play. Its falsity derives from the fact that instead of Jewish comedy it regales its audiences with a collection of comic Jews.

As to the claim of authenticity, it is utterly invalid. "Cafe Crown" is Mr. Kraft's own invention. The real Cafe Royal is first of all a bourse, an exchange place for men and women of the Jewish theatrical profession. They come there to transact business of every kind, from casting to financing. The cafe is also a meeting place of Yiddish literati who have little or nothing to do with the stage. The one outstanding feature of Cafe Royal is its impersonality. Its atmosphere of a thoroughfare. All this nonsense about Cafe Royal as a club of intimates, as a clandestine hang-out where outsiders are unwelcome is invented out of the whole cloth.

Now, I don't hold this against the author. A creative invention may be much more valuable than the "real thing." Surely "Cafe Crown" is more entertaining and "colorful" than Cafe Royal ever was. But this traffic in "color" is conducted at the expense of the dignity of Yiddish culture and the Jewish environment. In the collection of "funny" Jews of "Cafe Crown" there is not a single type, not a single individual but a misrepresentation of Jewish reality. And the worst of it is that non-Jewish audiences will accept Mr. Kraft's comic puppets for the real thing. What an injustice this would be to Jewish reality, to Yiddish literature, to the Yiddish theatre!

Olin put it aptly when he accused "these feature writers" of treating Jewish milieu as a "freak show." Mr. Kraft's freaks may be amiable or lovable (the reviewers have been lavish with such adjectives) but freaks they are. If it is not the star who is all posture and bombast and "ham," it is the playwright who does not even suspect that plagiarism is something to be ashamed of; if it is not the critic who writes his reviews before seeing the play and has them edited and revised by the star (and the writer, too), it is the composer who knows of no other principle of composition than stealing Broadway tunes. (Did Mr. Kraft by any chance mean the composer of "Bei Mir Bistu Schoen" who wrote what to him was a routine song for a routine show, only to be picked up fifteen years later by the big shots of Broadway and turned into a national rage and a source of huge profits for the publishers with hardly any compensation for his starving author?)

Perhaps the comparison is an unfair one, but the "funny" Jews of "Cafe Crown" brought to my mind the traditional "funny" Negro who steals watermelons. He, too, is generally made to appear "amiable" and "lovable." Surely, the bus-boy Hyman is a twin brother of the traditional "Jew comedian." It is fortunate (or is it?) that Sam Jaffe so humanized and infused with charm the traditional figure of derision, the naive, shrewd, covetous, ignorant, canny, stupid, wise-cracking "Jew comedian." The same in another vein was accomplished by Morris Carnovsky in the role of David Cole. He rescued the author's puppet and turned David Cole into a pathetic figure despite the hokum that went into the writing of the part. The true measure of that hokum was revealed by the routine actors in the role of the playwright and the critic. Here humanity was completely absent and the author's freaks were what were false and offending.

Mr. Kraft is a clever playwright. His puppets are amusing. His cracks have a tang. His tone is decent. His humor is not entirely mechanical. Somewhere it is rooted in the environment which he misrepresents. Somewhere "Cafe Crown" is an apt take-off on Royal. The real Herman, the legendary bus boy of Cafe Royal who bows in thanks for a nickel-put and is at the same time a usurer and money-changer occasionally raking a loan to a Jewish theatrical entrepreneur—this phenomenal Herman gave Mr. Kraft the idea for the play and for the character of Hyman who by the magic touch of Sam Jaffe was turned into a droll and moving human being. But to what extent can such "lovable" inventions make good the damage of derision even if unintended?

Personally Mr. Kraft may be genuinely progressive. He might give an arm and a leg to help combat anti-Semitism. But at the same time he is an unconscious victim of a sorry tradition in American literature and the American theatre which turns Jewish life into an object of contemptuous curiosity and "good-humored" misrepresentation. The non-Jewish spectators will find, through the puppets of "Cafe Crown," a vicarious outlet for all kinds of prejudices and mis-conceptions concerning Jews, and the American-born Jews who are unfamiliar with the cultural environment and heritage of the immigrant Jews will find in "Cafe Crown" a slanderously false picture of Yiddish culture. This is the terrible price the decent and liberal-minded H. S. Kraft must pay for exploiting the "color" of the Jewish milieu!

In the light of this major wrong, the minor faults of weak dramaturgy, of a paltry plot and a forced happy ending become unimportant. As to Mr. Kraft's moral that the younger generation of Jewish actors belong in Hollywood or on Broadway and not on the Yiddish stage, this view is so thoroughly discredited that it hardly calls for refutation. More is the pity, Mike, that by accepting as inevitable or even desirable this "clash of generations," you lend support, unwittingly, to be sure, to this discredited thesis. Had you not been inclined in advance to be "good to the Jews," you could not have condoned the practice of exploiting Jewish dialect and the faulty English of some Jews as ingredients of "humor" in "Cafe Crown." These are not only the standard ingredients of the "Jew comedian" tradition, they are also the "classical" methods of ridiculing and slandering oppressed national minorities everywhere.

As a comedy "Cafe Crown" is one of many such artificial plays. I have dwelt on it at such length precisely because it is not an exception but the continuation of an accursed tradition. And many a talented and progressive writer, like Mr. Kraft, has been caught in the net of this tradition, playing into the hands of the enemies and detractors of the Jewish people. "Cafe Crown" is not merely a weak play, it is a sad heritage. The only compensating feature in this sad affair is the superb acting of Sam Jaffe and Morris Carnovsky.

NATHANIEL BUCHWALD.

(Mike Gold will comment on this letter in a subsequent column.—Editor's Note.)

At Liberty Ball



Sister Rosetta Tharpe appears with Lucky Millinder's band tomorrow night at the Second Annual Liberty Ball of the American Labor Party. Many Broadway stars are listed on the program to precede the dance at the Royal Windsor.

Bad Boy Meets Good Girl in 'Johnny Eager'

JOHNNY EAGER, MGM release of Considine Le-Roy production. Screenplay by John Lee Mahin and Edward Lee Grant. Camera, Harold Rosson. Direction, Mervyn LeRoy. At the Capitol.

By Milton Meltzer

It's TNT, says MGM in the ads, posing Miss Turner with adoring eyes nestling in the strong arms of handsome Mr. Taylor. What use is a script when you have twin-stars like these on the company payroll? When Robert strides manfully into view of the camera the first time shrill whistles break out all over the theatre. And they rise higher and louder the moment Lana appears.

Once the house has settled down, it's possible to pay attention to the movie itself. For 20 minutes there is a constant opening and shutting of doors as characters walk in and out, explain in great detail where they've been all these years and what's been cooking, and then reluctantly give way to the newcomers.

It seems our Mr. Taylor is driving a cab around town to keep the parole board ignorant of his less respectable occupation as gambler and killer. He's such a good-looking ex-convict and why shouldn't a tender bud like Lana Turner find him fascinating? To bring T 'n T together our scriptwriters have bravely faced life and made Miss Turner a sociology student pointingly determined to learn "how the other half lives."

Quite by coincidence her father is the special prosecutor who sent up Mr. Taylor for the five years the lad is now eking out on parole. A novel setup, to be sure, and a cold-blooded lad, uses the girl in a frameup to prevent the law from sending him up to complete his term. Apparently he is simply understandable, for did he not grow up without a friendly dog nearby in his youth? (direct quote.) But wait, the climax holds a surprise. When Lana in a passion of self-sacrifice offers to take the rap for him on a murder charge it shakes him to the roots of his script and pushing her off into the arms of a noble young millionaire conveniently nearby he plunges into the barking guns of his gangster enemies.

This is the same Mervyn LeRoy who directed "Fugitive from a Chain Gang," "Public Enemy" and "They Won't Forget." And his name is tagged on to this stale cheese not only as director but as producer, which means the scriptwriters alone are not to blame.

As "Johnny Eager" Taylor is adequately hard. He has been around long enough to acquire the ease and maturity to get by before the camera. Lana Turner has shot up to stardom strictly on visual appeal. Try to make anything but a pretty picture out of her and the role becomes a joke. The best job in the film is done by Van Heflin, a young actor from Broadway who is gradually accumulating a very creditable series of portrayals in the movies, despite the fact that with some, like this one, his potentialities have been cut down or distorted through a phony script.

'Fake' Headlines Tell the Truth

At amusement parks in America there are booths where you can have your name printed in a headline on a fake newspaper, for a quarter. In Germany the "underground" uses fake headlines too. On duplicates of regular German newspapers are printed such slogans as "The Nazis are Robbing Your Country." Invariably the "underground" newspapers find their way onto the regular newsstands, beneath a few harmless looking copies of the regular edition.

Members of the "underground" often enclose their handbills in envelopes supposedly carrying direct mail advertisements from the department stores. Berliners expecting to be told of new bargains open their letters and find messages from the anti-Nazi. All over the Reich, the statistics of German heroes are used by the "underground" to spread the anti-Nazi message. In Stuttgart one fine morning the good burghers awoke to find this inscription painted on the base of a figure of Wilhelm I, founder of the First Reich: "Emperor Wilhelm, dismount from your horse and rule your unhappy people once again; in your place on the horse we will gladly mount Hitler."

The factories of Greater Germany, especially those in what used to be Czechoslovakia, are strongholds of the "underground." Many a bomb that does not explode



LANA TURNER

Even Mickey Mouse Helps Anti-Hitler Underground

By a Refugee German

"Underground," the Warner Brothers screen dramatization of the underground revolt against Hitler, is based on factual accounts of the methods used by the foes of Nazism within the Reich.

Not many people know that Mickey Mouse is used by the "underground" to ridicule the Nazi cause. During daylight hours hundreds of stencil drawings of the popular cartoon character are painted on walls throughout Germany. At night members of the "underground" add a characteristic moustache to the rodent. Next morning Mickey Mouse has turned into Hitler—a ratty, laughable Hitler not calculated to inspire confidence or respect. The owners of the walls usually spend a frantic morning erasing the retouched cartoons.

The underground has found new ways of distributing its manifestoes, ways that make it almost impossible for the storm troopers to trace the pamphlets. A package of lightweight leaflets is attached to an ordinary toy balloon, filled with gas. The balloon ascends high into the air and ultimately bursts when the air pressure diminishes. The leaflets drop to the ground from the clouds.

All the ingenious tortures and terroristic devices of the Nazi storm troopers have been used against the "underground," but nothing stops the secret army. Himmer even "improved" on the brutal method of execution by the headman's axe. The Nazi victim looks upward at the axe as it descends. Even the medieval tyrants spared their victims the sight of the falling weapon, by placing them face down on the block; but Nazism prefers the crueler method.

The fact that the "underground" survives is a tribute to the rare courage and brilliance of its operatives. But it is more than that. It is a hope for the future. As the hero of "Underground" says in the closing speech of the picture (now at the Irving Place Theatre): "freedom will prevail and peace on earth when this era of terror and medieval darkness will be only a bitter memory . . . as long as men are willing to die for these things, human liberty and the hope of a new day will survive."

Radio Collects Yarns Of American People

By Jean Walker

Milton Bacon, of CBS' "God's Country" (WABC-CBS, 11:15-11:30 A.M.), who has made a career of collecting yarns which mirror the spirit and development of our country, is off on another story hunt which is to take him from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Pacific Coast.

Bacon left for the Middle-West to ferret out interesting tales in the Detroit area. From there, his itinerary takes him to Chicago, Kansas City and then to San Francisco.

Using the larger cities only as bases, Bacon's method of work takes him to the smaller settlements in each area where, through the age-old system of asking questions and more questions, he finds the tales with which he entertains listeners. Working out of San Francisco, Bacon plans to travel up and down the Pacific Coast gathering the many colorful stories which grew out of the early settlement of the West. He returns to New York March 28.

All during Bacon's tour, his "God's Country" program is to be heard regularly on Saturday mornings, with Irvil Ives, who sings folksongs native to the area about which Bacon speaks, working from New York. Bacon is to be "cut in" from various CBS stations, depending on where he happens to be at the time.

For some time now WOR's Uncle Don (Don Carney) has been concerned with the matter of a central clearing house on defense precautions for children. After consulting with Mayor LaGuardia, Uncle Don has announced that he would devote a portion of his six night a week program to just such material. The plan calls for teachers, parents, and defense officials to submit informative material and questions calculated to better inform boys and girls, in simpler appealing terms, what they might expect in the days of war to come, and how to prepare for all emergencies.

A prize-winning work—by a composer who celebrates his thirteenth birthday three days before his performance—is played by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony and the boy composer himself on the Young People's Concert Saturday, February 21. (WABC-CBS, 11:05 A.M. to 12 noon, EWT). Rudolph Ganz conducts.

The composer is Andre Mathieu, young Canadian, and the work in which he appears as soloist is the Concertino for Piano and Orchestra, Opus 10. Given its first performance in this concert, the boy's Concertino this year won the Young Composers' Award.

The Story of Ferdinand by Herbert Haufrecht, with the composer conducting and Ganz as narrator, is another unusual item on the program.

Lansing Hatfield, young baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, sings the stirring Ballad for Americans by John LaTouche and Earl Robinson when he appears as guest on the Detroit Sunday Evening Hour Feb. 22. (WABC-CBS, 9 to 10 P.M. EWT.) Victor Kolar conducts the orchestra.

The now famous work, which calls for chorus, had its radio premiere on Columbia's "Pursuit of Happiness," with Paul Robeson as soloist. Arrangements have been completed by Leon Levine, assistant CBS director of education, for publication late next Summer of Volume II of "Invitation to Learning." The publisher is Random House, Inc.

This is the book made up principally of the "Invitation to Learning" discussions on the world's classics broadcast every Sunday at 11:30 A.M. over Columbia network. The first volume, published in May, 1941, consisted of the discussions heard on the Columbia program next Sunday afternoon he will do Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" Overture, Debussy's "La Mer" and the Tchaikovsky Fourth.

Thursday evening and Friday afternoon brings the Roy Harris Symphony No. 3, Debussy's "La Mer," and the Tchaikovsky Fourth. Next Saturday night the Shostakovich Symphony is repeated, preceded by the Corelli Suite, Copland's "Quiet City," and Ravel's "Daphnis et Chloe," Suite No. 2.

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Citizens Dig In



A scene from "Our Russian Front," dramatic film story of the Soviet's fight against the Nazis, now at the Rialto Theatre on Times Square.

Shostakovich Music Played by Koussevitsky At Carnegie Hall

Symphonies of Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky and Roy Harris are featured on the programs Serge Koussevitsky is preparing for his second and final week as conductor of the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra.

The program for this Sunday afternoon at Carnegie Hall consists of the Corelli Suite for Strings, Ravel's "Daphnis et Chloe" Suite No. 2 and Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony.

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Detroit Union Artists Sponsor Auction for Allied War Relief

The United American Artists are expressing the whole-hearted determination of every Detroitite to do his share to win the war. They are sponsoring an art auction for the purpose of raising funds for Allied War Relief, which will in a measure demonstrate how groups of patriotic artists can help in the fight against fascism.

Rockwell Kent, famous painter and illustrator and National President of the United American Artists, will preside at the auction. All artists in Detroit are invited to bring in lithograph prints, silk screen prints, water colors and other art works which can be auctioned at prices the average person can afford. In this way, both the artist and the purchaser will be contributing toward our war victory and to the distribution of fine art into Detroit homes.

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From the South:

Durocher Rates Kimball Starter

Gives Young Right Hand Chance to Fit in—Ott Counts on Powerful Giant Batting Order

Newt Kimball, 200 pounds and 6 feet of man, who won only three games last year as a relief pitcher for the Dodgers, was named as the third hurler of the team, behind Wyatt and Higbe, yesterday at Havana.

Leo Durocher in naming the big feller to the important spot said, "Newt has everything needed to win in the big time, and now it's all up to him, here's his big chance to make good."

Kimball saw service in 15 games last season, losing one while winning the other. He ranked high in the earned run average with a neat 3.63. . . . Newt is fast ball hurler, a nice, affable guy. . . . He's 27 years old.

At Miami the Giants are telling in the hot sun under the watchful eye of Mel Ott who looks worried over his pitching or the lack of it.

This may well be the deadening shortcoming of Mel's team. . . . While the line-up of Danning, Lieber, Mize and Ott look formidable at the plate, the young hurlers who are depended upon to aid the aging Schumacher, Hubbell, et al, have not looked so well.

Rube Rube Fischer, John Hubbell, Dave Koso, Hank Feldman and the few others at camp have not shown much yet. . . . Feldman

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Trio of Aces After Track Marks at Garden Tonite

MacMITCHELL, RICE, WARMERDAM

Three champs, Leslie MacMitchell, Greg Rice and Cornelius Warmerdam will go after three records tonight as the New York Athletic Club meet at the Garden.

Close to a full house is expected to witness the Baxter Mile the two-mile run and the attempts of Warmerdam to break

his own record of 15 ft. 7 1/4 inches.

The California pole vault star will put the bar at 16 feet before the night is over and hopes to set a mark that will have the vaulters shooting at for years. . . . There will not be anyone to contest him seriously, and the spotlight will be all his. . . . MacMitchell is an overwhelm-

ing favorite to take his second Baxter Mile. . . . Lee will be after 4:08 mile and is going to run by the clock. . . . One of the features in this race will be the last boxer that the venerable old veteran, Gene Venzke will race in. . . . Gene bows out after tonight and he should have the great crowd pulling for him to run a good race. . . .

Paul Muni Stars in 'This Is War,' All Stations, 7 P. M.

Young People's Concert on WABC, 11:05 P. M. . . . Edgar Snow, guest on Chinese New Year broadcast at 1 P. M., WABC. . . . Clifford T. McAvoy, Arthur Upham Pope on "American-Soviet Cooperation," WQXR, 2 P. M. . . . Former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies guest on WABC, 2:05 P. M. . . . WNYC Festival presents swing session, Benny Goodman, Sidney Bechet and others, 2:05 P. M. . . . LOUIS F. BUDENZ, LABORD'S NEWSROOM, WHOM (1480) 11 P. M.

7:00-WOR—News; Musical Clock
WNYC—Sunrise Symphony
WQXR—Breakfast Symphony
9:00-WOR—Dear Imogene—Food
WABC—News
WNYC—Rainbow House
WQXR—Composers Corner
9:15-WFAP—Market Basket
WJZ—Breakfast Club—Variety
WJZ—Medical Talk
WABC—Kenneth Spencer, Songs
9:30-WFAP—Hillbilly Songs
WABC—Garden Talk
10:00-WFAP—Musical Variety
WJZ—String Ensemble
WNYC—Classical Defense
WNYC—French Contributions to
WABC—Symphony Hall—Beethoven
WQXR—Let Us Forget—Our
Constitution
10:15-WNYC—Greenwich House Music
School
WQXR—American Folk Music
10:30-WFAP—The Wife Saver
WJZ—Rainbow House—Juvenile
Program
WNYC—Bill of Rights Essay
Contest Awards
11:00-WMCA—News; Children's Parade
WFAP—Lincoln Highway—Drama
WJZ—Maupin Orchestra
WABC—News; Philharmonic Young
People's Concert
WQXR—Memories of a Concertmaster
WNYC—Aesthetics—R.Y. Philharmonic
11:30-WFAP—Arden Orch. Chorus
Children's Forum
WJZ—Ask Young America—
Children's Forum
WQXR—Symphonic Interlude
11:45-WJZ—Fairy Tales
WNYC—You and Your Health—Talk
12:00-WFAP—News; Consumer Time
WJZ—Maupin Orchestra
WABC—Theater of Today—Judith
Evelyn, Guest
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—Lunchtime Concert
12:15-WJZ—Musical Variety
12:30-WFAP—Theater of Today—Judith
Evelyn, Guest
WNYC—Trans-Radio News
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WFAP—Lopes Orchestra
WJZ—Palestine and the Near East
Dr. Walter Lowdermilk
WABC—Chinese New Year—Edgar
Snow, Guest
WNYC—Edward Robinson, Pianist—
All Mozart
1:30-WFAP—Middle Eastern Orch.
WABC—Adventures in Science—Talk
WNYC—Young America Sings
1:45-WFAP—News; S.S. Maria's Band
WABC—Your Income Tax Return—
Talk
2:00-WJZ—Mel Opera—"Aida"
WNYC—Benny Goodman's Orch.
WABC—News; Of Men and Books—
Former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, Guest
WNYC—Festival—Swing Session
WQXR—Worldwide Peace Forum;
Clifford T. McAvoy, Arthur Upham
Pope on "American-Soviet
Cooperation."
2:30-WFAP—Matinee in Rhythm
WJZ—Press News
WABC—Brush Creek Follies
WNYC—Symphonic Matinee
WQXR—Theater of Today—Judith
Evelyn, Guest
3:00-WFAP—Patti Chapin, Songs
WABC—University Life—Columbia U.
WNYC—Country Journal
WQXR—Festival—Musical
WNYC—Your Request Program
3:15-WFAP—On the Home Front—Forum
3:30-WFAP—Music for Everyone
WABC—Theater of Today—Judith
Evelyn, Guest
4:00-WFAP—News; Variety Music
WNYC—News
WABC—People's Platform
WNYC—Festival—American Strings
4:45-WFAP—At the Home Front—Forum
5:00-WFAP—Doctors at Work—Drama
WABC—Cleveland Orch.—Rodinski, Conductor
WNYC—Victory Concert—Beethoven
WQXR—Latin American Rhythms
5:30-WFAP—Civilian Defense
WABC—Musical Varieties
5:45-WFAP—War Reporter

Negro College 5's Here Mon.

Virginia Union Plays Virginia State at Renaissance

The crack Virginia Union basketball team, which has challenged "any college team in the country" to a game for the benefit of the Army or Navy Relief Fund, plays here Monday night in the Renaissance Casino of Harlem against the Virginia State team, another Negro outfit.

Last year the Virginia Union team trimmed a strong Brooklyn College outfit 54-38. Among its stars is Mel Glover, former all-scholastic ace of Clinton High's greatest team.

More Than Half Million Tix to Service Men Here

The New York City Defense Recreation Committee will distribute free passes to more than 600,000 service men during the 1942 season for use at New York's three major league parks.

The Yankees, Giants and Dodgers have named the committee to distribute the passes. It announced last night.

At each home game, except Sundays and holidays, the Yanks will entertain 5,000, the Giants 3,000 and the Dodgers 1,500. Service men must be in uniform and display a leave or furlough pass to obtain a ticket.

RAY HEAVY AT 144 FOR BERGER

At ringside at the Garden last night, Ray Robinson, undefeated Negro welterweight, was a 4-1 favorite to beat Maxie Berger in their scheduled 12-round fight.

Ray weighed in at 144 1/2, Berger coming in at 145 1/2. For the usual ringside and dressing room account read story in the Sunday Worker.

BASKETBALL

CCNY carries its rising journey hopes over the river to Brooklyn tonight, meeting the Brooklyn College team at the Flatbush School's gym in the seventh annual meeting. Brooklyn has never beaten its parent school on the basketball floor, though it came close in 1935 (29-28) and 1938 (23-21). Brooklyn, coached by Artie Muscant, a Nat Holman student, won a major victory at the Garden Monday night in beating Westminster and is primed for an upset.

However City is going better than at any time this year, with the returned Harvey Lowman having moved into the starting lineup and contributing more steadiness than the departed Leo Levine had. Red Holman will guard the elusive Bernie Gussoff while Sonny Hertzberg will focus his attention on the high scoring Mel Hirsch.

NYU plays host to Lafayette at the uptown gym in the final game-up before meeting St. Johns Wednesday at the Garden. The visitors should be easy. It will be the last game for senior Bob Darville, who leaves for the Air Corps Monday. Manny Schuman has a sprained ankle and will be on the sidelines. Jim Coward will start with four sophomores Grenier, Glogower, Tomlinson and Mele.

LIU may get a crack at one of the two teams to beat it this season, for if Tennessee continues its fine record it will undoubtedly be invited to the tourney as a Southern representative. . . . another possibility is West Virginia, which has lost only to Duquesne at Pittsburgh and has an opportunity to reverse that score at the Morgantown court. . . . The Mountaineers, however, must get past Temple at Philly, and right now that's as tough an assignment as any in the land.

THE TOURNEY

A breaking down of the Big Ten and Ivy regulations, possible this year of really big changes, opens the prospect of the most interesting "name" tourney ever held. For instance, how does this sound to you? LIU, CCNY, for the city, Dartmouth (champs of the Ivy League) for New England, Notre Dame and Illinois (champion of the Big Ten) for the Midwest, Tennessee of Duke for the South-

east, West Texas State or Rice for the Southwest, Colorado for the West. The favorite in such a tourney might well be Colorado, which won the title two years ago and has another great team with several of the same stars who routed the Iron Dukes of Duquesne then. . . . RODNEY.

WHAT'S ON

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Tonight

HERBERT NEWTON VICTORY DANCE given by WPA Teachers Union, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. Hot Sweet Band. Sammy Mostel-Betty Garland. To Rave.

CLAVICHORD MUSIC featuring Muni Diamond, Sam Gary, Nettie Harari, Eugene Serman. Dancing and refreshments. Meet the Rocco Queens. 8 P. M. to 3 A. M. 133 W. 44th St.

P.O.N. REMINDING YOU: "Tonight's the Night" of the Get-together and Dance, at 8:30. Entertainment featuring Ukrainian Dance Group, Zaida, Zlatin, and Maxim Brodski. Palm Casino, 45 E. 4th St. Contribution 50c.

CLAVICHORD MUSIC with comments by Dr. Herman Grab. Folk Dancing. Admission 25c. 111 W. 88th St. 8:30 P. M. Register now for 2nd term. Aup. Metropolitan Music School.

Milton Howard

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On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

Communist Party Organizer Called Greatest of Pro Court Stars

Beat Celtics—Ranked Second All Time Star by Nat Holman

This contribution to the series on the old time basketball stars comes from one who played with the pros, has been connected with and followed the game ever since.

Dear Lester:

Inasmuch as your prolific correspondent MF has epitomized the career of Nat Holman as a basketball player, I would like to bend your ear a little.

Casting aside the irrelevancies, Nat is adjudged by MF a great ball player with distinct shortcomings and recalling the past appraisals (Joe Brennan, Dutch Dehnert, Joe Lapchick) would be accorded a ranking slightly behind these old giants.

The consensus of opinion among basketball fans of whom I was one, was that Nat left an indelible imprint across the era of basketball development. While the nucleus of the Original Celtics consisted of Johnny Beckman, Dutch Dehnert and Nat Holman, the argument which always engaged attention was, who was greater, Johnny or Nat. Both earned niches in the game hardly challenged by anyone since their retirement.

Under the wing of Barney Sedran and Morty Friedman, Nat assimilated and developed the ability to pass a basketball with lightning speed. Beside the famous pivot play, Nat could get the ball to a man if the opening were only inches larger than the ball itself. True, his shooting from the floor and foul line were unorthodox. Yet they were seriously studied motions all of which brought surprisingly good scoring averages. Furthermore, he manipulated shots that few have ever attempted.

As an instance (try this one) "giving off from slightly beyond the foul line is the left hand corner; throwing the ball with the palm of your right hand with a reverse English twist to the backboard, like Bill Hildreth's drop shot or the net that bounced back, Nat amazed everyone with the trick maneuvers. Always in prime physical condition, he could move the 40 minutes and find enough angles to drop a few while setting up plays.

When Nat switched, about an unsavory arrangement from the N. Y. Whirlwinds to the Original Celtics, the latter was lifted from a good team to a great team.

Yes, Nat was great, but may I suggest my candidate for the honors of that hectic period?

In selecting a professional team around 1925, Nat Holman, excluding himself, chose my nominee as the second choice, putting Johnny Beckman first.

Briefly let me state the reasons for my choice, whose name we'll come to. The invincible Celtic team (with Holman and at its peak) invaded Mt. Vernon one night and amid peaceful surroundings defeated 27-22. A new spark plug appeared who couldn't be trapped with the two hand dribble.

With their prestige thus challenged, Tom Furey, their manager, convinced Tex Rickard to stage a return game in the old Madison Square Garden.

Out walked this diminutive 145-pound star with all eyes focussed on his prospective performance. Before long his startling play electrified the crowd. Fitted against Johnny Beckman he was free as a bird (this was before the World War). Calling time a switch was made and Dutch Dehnert given the assignment to bottle up this roving hurricane. Usually discerning and fathoming anyone's style, Dutch was baffled by the ambidextrous dribbling of this new meteor. Later Nat essayed the job but gave it back to Dutch. The Original Celtics were defeated by 10 points. Immediately the Associated Press carried the news to the four corners of the country (a Celtic defeat was that kind of occasion—Ed Note).

In the Metropolitan League my nominee played with Yonkers, carrying them single-handedly to a professional championship. For two seasons he won the scoring honors for the league.

My nomination is Willie Mamon, now proudly a Communist Party organizer.

Sincerely,

"RUBE."

Braddock Candidate For Commissioner

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 19 (UP).—Former heavyweight champion James J. Braddock of Woodcliff, N. J., came forward today as candidate for the post of New Jersey boxing commissioner, to succeed Abe J. Green, Patterson.

Braddock, following a conference with Secretary of State Joseph A. Brophy said he was willing to have his name submitted to the State Senate for confirmation.

Greene's reappointment is being sought by State Republicans. The commissioner, whose term expires May 17, also is President of the National Boxing Association. Gov. Charles Edison named William Hildebrand, Sr., Orange, to succeed Greene but withdrew the appointment on Hildebrand's request when it threatened to become a political issue.

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